Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 15th May, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 353.764 ha. of forest land (instead of 390.264 ha. of forest land) in favour of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited, for Bina Kakri Open Cast Coal Mining, under Forest Division and District Singaruali in the State of Madhya Pradesh (Online proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/20225/2016) –regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/20225/2016/1278 dated 29.03.2023 forwarding information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 13.01.2020 and to say that the above said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 25.04.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation, the committee deferred the proposal and decided that the Government of Madhya Pradesh shall submit the following information:

- i. The details of total number of proposals approved in favour of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited in the existing landscape.
- ii. The Status of reclamation of mined out areas in case of mines under the control of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited in this region.
- iii. The status of compliance of conditions stipulated in all approved proposals in favour of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited in the existing landscape will be submitted by the State through IRO Bhopal, who in turn examine the same and will visit the areas if needed and submit a comprehensive report in this regard within 45 days.

In view of the above, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

-/Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forest

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- 1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 4. User Agency;and
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.