

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

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Dated: 14th May, 2021

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Naya Raipur

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of diversion of 112.385 ha of Revenue forest land for Gevra Open Cast Mine (OCM) in Katghora Forest Range, District-Korba Chhattisgarh in favour of SECL, Chhattisgarh -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. 5-12/2017/10-2 dated 25.11.2020 on the above subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 29.07.2017 and this Ministry's letter of even number dated 22.01.2021 seeking additional information observed to be sought in the compliance report. In this connection, it is to inform that matter has been further examined in the Ministry in light of provisions stipulated in condition no. (xv) of the Stage-I approval wherein it is observed that for want of availability of the members of the Sub-Committee mentioned therein, site visit to the proposed area could not be conducted to assess the status of reclamation by the User Agency. With a view to ensure compliance of said condition, it has been desired that updated status of reclamation under taken by the User Agency in their lease area may be intimated by the State Government.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Naya Raipur
2. Addl. PCCF & Nodal officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Naya Raipur
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Naya Raipur.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division
5. User Agency

6. Guard File