

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

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Dated: As per e-Sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Diversion of 146.996 ha forest land under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Integrated Coal Mining including post mine reclamation in Marki-Mangli II coal block in Yavatmal District of Maharashtra State in favour of M/s Yazdani International Private Limited (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/145510/2021) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-3223/CR-179/F-10 dated 02.08.2023 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 (1) (ii) Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 30.04.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal and sought the following details:

- i. Variation has been observed in the proposed land use given in the approved Mining plan and the land use Map as submitted & uploaded by the user agency in Part-I of application form. Therefore, the State Govt. needs to revisit and submit a land use map, KML file in accordance with the approved mining plan.
- ii. The post closure land use in the mining plan mentions that an area of 52 ha will be used for external dump and 12.20 ha will be used for roads and infrastructure. Both these activities are non-site specific in nature. Moreover, there seems to be no justification for using 52 ha forest land as external dump and 12.20 ha for road and infrastructure, post mine closure. Moreover, in the component wise breakup given in the proposal, 144.52 ha area has been proposed for excavation and 2.454 ha has been proposed to be used for safety zone. A justification in this regard shall be submitted.
- iii. As per DSS analysis, the area proposed for CA is adjacent to the buffer zone of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve and located at a distance of 2.81 Km from the Koyna- Chandoli Tiger corridor. The State shall therefore submit along with the documentary evidence whether the area proposed for Compensatory Afforestation is a part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, a notified tiger

or wildlife corridor or otherwise along with the justification for the quantum of rebate applicable.

- iv. The State shall submit a detailed report along with chronology of the prior mining lease in the given area and the mining activities carried out by the prior allottee on NFL. Further, it has been mentioned that a part of the NFL has been acquired by the prior allottee. The state shall therefore examine whether the NOC from the prior allottee is required in the instant case or not.
- v. The State shall examine whether a valid Letter of Intent (LoI) exists in favour of the present allottee or not. A report along with documentary evidence shall be submitted.
- vi. The diversion of a nallah has been proposed within the mining lease. Therefore, the permission/NoC from the Water Resources Department, Government of Maharashtra shall be submitted.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above-mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

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4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.