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

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Dated: 25-05-2026

To

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

**Sub.: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Northern Coalfield Limited for non-forestry use of 229.348 ha of forest land in compartment No. RF-272, 273 & 274 of Waidhan Range for the extension of Nigahi Open-cast Coal Mining Project under Singrauli Forest Division, Singrauli District of Madhya Pradesh State (Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/140863/2021) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter dated 24.04.2026 on the above mentioned subject and to say that after examination of the compliance of the Stage-I conditions, the following is submitted:

- i. The User Agency has made a request to the Chief Wildlife Warden for approval of above Wildlife Management Plan, vide letter no. एन.सी.एल./मुख्यालय/पर्यावरण/2025/995 dated 21.03.2025. However, copy of the approval of the CWLW has not been furnished by the State Government. Accordingly, State Government shall ensure that the Integrated Wildlife Management plan has been examined by the Chief Wildlife Warden and in case additional mitigation measures are required then the same shall be incorporated in the plan. The additional cost (if any) shall be deposited by the user agency before the grant of the Stage-II/Final approval.
2. In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

**Encl: as above**

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
(Deepika Chaudhary)  
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office, at Bhopal.
3. APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.