

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 Chhattisgarh,  
Raipur.

**Sub:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Prakash Industries Pvt. Ltd. for non-forestry use of 515.581 ha (201.806 ha for Underground mining) of forest land for Coal mining in Bhaskarpara Coal block under Surajpur District in the State of Chhattisgarh (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/149564/2021)– regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh letter No. F 5-01/2023/10-2 dated 14.03.2024 on the above subject forwarding compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval dated 21.08.2023. Examination of compliance report in the Ministry revealed that during submission of the proposal, DFO, Surajpur has mentioned in Part- II that vegetation density is 0.4(MDF) and Eco-class III, whereas, the NPV, has been charged for Eco-class IV and Open Forest category. Clarification in this regard needs to be submitted by the State Government and differential amount, if any, may be deposited into CAMPA account and intimated to the Ministry. Further, the State shall ensure that all the compensatory levies have been charged as per rules/guidelines/conditions stipulated in the matter.

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.

Yours faithfully

**Sd/-**  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC.
5. User Agency.