

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

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New Delhi – 110003,
Dated: 10th June, 2020.

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Sub: Diversion of 467.809 hectares of forest land/revenue forest land (443.000 ha. forest land + 24.809 ha. Revenue forest land=467.809 ha. forest land) for Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s. Northern Coal Fields Limited, Rewa in Singrauli District State of Madhya Pradesh.– regarding.

Ref: 1. Ministry letter of even no. dated 18.11.2019 and 26.02.2020

2. Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/13685/2015/124 dt 08.01.2020 and 20.05.2020

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No.F-1/FP/MP/MIN/13685/2015/1531 dated 20th May, 2020 on the above-mentioned subject, forwarding additional information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 19.04.2018 as sought by the Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 18.11.2019 and 26.02.2020 and to say that examination of the said compliance/information in the Ministry revealed the following observations as under:

Condition No. of Stage-I approval	Details about condition of Stage-I approval	Remarks/Shortcomings/Observations
xi.	The State Govt. / user agency shall arrange to furnish an Integrated Wildlife Plan for the region.	In this regard the State Government informed that the forest land will be handed over to the user agency after submission of the approved Integrated Wildlife Plan, by the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal with the admissible funds deposited in the CAMPA account. Further, it is requested by State Govt. to grant the permission with the said condition. <i>Observation: However, the State Government still has not submitted a copy of approved Integrated Wildlife Plan, with the admissible funds deposited into CAMPA account through e-portal.</i>

xii.	Area to be diverted required to be demarcated on ground and measured, mapped the said information would be submitted to the Regional office who will forward its comments to this Ministry for further action.	In this regard the State Government informed that the condition is relating to the Regional Office, MoEF&CC Bhopal. <i>Observation: State Government may confirm whether required information has been furnished to Regional Office or not. Regional office has to furnish its comments after receipt of the above information.</i>
xxviii.	The User agency shall prepare a list of existing village tanks and other water bodies with GPS co-ordinates located within five km. from the mine lease boundary. This list is to be duly verified by the concerned DFO. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of these village tanks and other water bodies so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/ water bodies. A detailed plan for desilting of identified ponds and water bodies to be prepared in consultation with forest department and shall be submitted to MoEF&CC before Stage-II approval.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has submitted details of the pond (water bodies) within 05.00 Km the Mining lease area. <i>Observation: However, the list of the pond as submitted has not been verified by the concerned DFO.</i>

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information/clarification on shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

(Brijendra Swaroop)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests & (HoFF) Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. **The DDG (Central), MoEF&CC, Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal with a request to kindly forward detail comments as mentioned above.**
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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