

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

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Dated: 7th June, 2022

To,

The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
MoEF&CC,
Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 201.079 ha of forest land for Tawa -II underground coal mining in favour M/s Western Coal Fields Limited, Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/24598/2017)-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer letter no. 6-MPA017/2017-BHO/ dated 26.03.2022 received on 02.06.2022 of Integrated Regional Office, Bhopal on the above subject forwarding required information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 14.05.2018 and to say that on examination of the said information the following was observed: -

- i. The FAC while deliberating the proposal had pointed out the violation in case of 195.20 ha mining rights. As pointed out by the FAC, the approval for 195.20 ha area was valid for a period of 30 years and the same expired in 2008, however the work continued beyond 2008 without a valid approval. This aspect has not been covered in the report. Therefore the detail report from IRO, Bhopal in view of condition no. (iii) and (ix) of Stage- I approval letter of even no. dated 14.05.2018 needs submission.
- ii. The condition no. (xi) of Stage-I approval mentions that the approval is for ex-facto regularization of the violation committed by the WCL for diversion of 201.079 ha area already broken with penal NPV and penal CA. Further the approval will be effective after the payment of NPV and other outstanding dues by WCL in CAMPA account.

Accordingly, the IRO is therefore again requested to re-examine the matter and furnish detailed report to this Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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

2. The P.C.C.F & HoFF, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.