

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

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Dated: June, 2023

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Sub:-Diversion of 0.093 ha of forest land in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited for Dipka Opencast Coal Mining Projects SECL Korba in Kathora Forest Division in Korba District of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. 5-04/2007/10-2 dated 29.03.2023 (received in the Ministry on 03.05.2023) on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard I would like to inform you that the Ministry has notified the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 on 28.06.2022, wherein new provisions and procedures have been introduced for the processing of the proposals received from various user agencies for prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Further, the Ministry vide its letter dated 18.07.2022 has issued clarification that the Provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 shall apply to the proposals submitted online through Parivesh portal and which have not been accepted by the Nodal officer before 28.06.2022.

It may be noted that the instant proposal has been accepted and forwarded by the Nodal Officer on 22.12.2022. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to resubmit this proposal as per new provisions and procedures mentioned in Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Raipur.
3. The Nodal officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division