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

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Dated: As per e-Signature

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (C)

Regional Office, Shillong Shillong

Subject Proposal for diversion of 128.97 ha. of Forest Land for Open Cast Mining Project in Namchik-Namphuk Coal Fields in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh. – regarding request for transfer of lease in respect of diversion of forest land for open cast coal mining in Namchak Namphuk Coal Mine in changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh along with Stage-I and Stage-II approval granted in favour of M/s. Arunachal Pradesh Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited to M/s. Coal Pulz Private Limited (Online Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/611/2003)- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Himachal Pradesh letter no. FOR.14-7/CONS/2002/Pt.I/234 dated 18.01.2024 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that in site inspection report submitted by the Regional Office, Shillong it is mentioned that there is no report of violation under FCA nor observed. However, examination of KML file of forest area for which Stage- I approval was accorded (i.e. 128.97 ha.) clearly demarcating 39.02 ha. for which Stage- II approval was granted in DSS revealed that non-forestry activity has been carried out outside the approved forest land i.e. 39.02 ha.

In this regard, Regional Office, Shillong is requested to offer comments on violation that is visible in the DSS for the extant mining proposal to the Ministry for further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Sd-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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