

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
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Dated: As per E-Sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 36.734 ha of Reserved Forest land of Forest Survey No. RF-833, 834, Forest Range-Budhar, Division-Shahdol for Bangwar Underground Coal Mining in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited in Shahdol District in Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/29264/2017) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF- cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/824/2021/10-11/1572 dated 09.06.2025 on the above mentioned subject, forwarding the point-wise compliance report of conditions stipulated in in-principle approval dated 19.02.2025 and to say that examination of same revealed following shortcomings:

- i. In compliance to condition no. (ii) of Stage-I approval, the State Government has not submitted approved comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan nor deposited cost towards implementation of the Wildlife Management Plan as per Ministry's guidelines dated 16.01.2023 in the account of National Authority, CAMPA.
- ii. In compliance to condition no. (iii) of Stage-I approval, the State Government has not submitted the land use change proposal (as per guideline) of 38.302 ha for the Bangwar underground mine out of earlier approved 403.118 ha of forest land diverted for open-cast mining vide Ministry letter dated 13.04.1987 along with complete compliance;
- iii. In compliance of condition no.(iv) of Stage-I approval, it is to mention that canopy density of the proposed area for diversion is reported as 0.5 having Eco-Class 4 and NPV rates for the same is Rs. 861390/- per ha as per revised rates. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit Rs. 3,16,42,300/- against NPV. However the user agency has deposited Rs. 1,75,91,546/-

against NPV. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit the balance amount of Rs. 1,40,50,754/- online in NA, CAMPA account.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 22-06-2025
12:17:25

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.