

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

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Dated: As per E-Sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited for non-forestry use of 402.966 ha of forest land for Kushmunda and Laxman Opencast Coal Mining Projects in Korba District of Chhattisgarh—Modification in the condition of Stage-1 approval-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F 5-04/2007/10-2 dated 22.01.2025 on the above subject and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 26.05.2025. The minutes of the meeting are available on www.parivesh.nic.in.

In this regard, it is informed that keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry, it has been decided to delete the condition no (ii) and (iii) of the Stage-I approval dated 26.04.2018 and to accept the notification of the 33.564 ha revenue land as RF/PF for the issuance of Stage-II/Final approval in case of diversion of 402.966 ha of forest land for Kushmunda and Laxman Opencast Coal Mining Projects in Korba District of Chhattisgarh. .

This issue with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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Raipur;

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