File No.8-69/2018-FC

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

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Dated: 01st July, 2021

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 353.764 ha. of forest land (*instead of* 390.264 ha. of forest land) in favour of M/s Northern Coalfields Limited, for Bina Kakri Open Cast Coal Mining, under Forest Division and District Singaruali in the State of Madhya Pradesh (Online proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/20920/2016) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/20225/2016/1810 dated 10.06.2021 on the above subject forwarding information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 13.01.2020 and to say that following shortcomings have been observed on examination of the said report:

- i. The copy of report of FSI Nagpur regarding inability to redraw the proposal on the lines of analysis of Amelia Coal Block shall be submitted.
- ii. Certificate that the proposed CA land is free from encroachment/all encumbrances, and that plantation (under any scheme/programme) has not been taken up on the proposed CA site in last ten years shall be submitted.
- iii. As per the DSS Analysis it has been observed that:
- a. Non-forestry activities are visible in the 353.764ha forest land sought for diversion. The details are required to be submitted.
- b. In some CA sites per-plantation/ plantation activities appear to have been carried out in the past. The details are required to be submitted..
- c. It is also observed that the details like name of RF/PF, Compartment No., Forest Division etc. have not been provided in kml files. The same shall be submitted.

2. In view of the above, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Environment and Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Environment and Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.