

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

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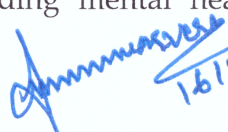
To,  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
**Department of Environment & Forests,**  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal

**Sub: Diversion of 7.448 ha reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway sliding in favour of General Manager, Jayant project NCL in Singrauli District, Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/ROAD/30989/2017) - reg.**

**Madam/Sir,**

I am directed to refer to the letter no. F-5/859/2019/10-11/1378 dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 from Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer (FCA,1980), Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above captioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The FAC, after deliberation and examination, has sought the following information/documents from the State Government at the earliest:

- i. A detailed justification for a separate coal transportation road keeping in view the already existing road, possibility of a conveyor belt as an alternative in addition to proposed Coal Handling Plant need submission. The reasons for not submitting a holistic proposal along with the earlier approved proposal of 100 ha be submitted.
- ii. A detailed map and a note containing the details/boundaries of all the mining leases in the leasehold area with specific reference to Nigahi and Jayant Project w.r.t. use of forest lands in these projects for the proposed road.
- iii. The Singrauli colliery area comprises of several coal mines of M/S NCL Ltd. (total area 2201 sq.km). Considering the cumulative impact of these mines on the whole forest area in the region, a comprehensive study needs to be undertaken of the impact of change in both composition of the forest floral and the area impacted, on the health and well-being, including mental health, of the forest-fringe communities. This study should especially assess the impact due to resultant changes in forest-based food, nutrition and drinking water availability/ consumption patterns and the institutions of local governance that ensure conservation of forest resources on the overall human health and well-being including mental health needs of the forest-fringe

  
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communities of the area. A multi-disciplinary study shall be commissioned by the User Agency by reputed institutes like AIIMS, New Delhi and ICFRE, Dehradun or IIFM, Bhopal in a collaborative mode within three months of Final (Stage-II) Approval and shall be completed within maximum 3 years. The outcomes of this study should guide the overall planning and management of forests and coal mining respectively by State Forest Department and the User Agency.

2. Accordingly, you are requested to furnish the above information at the earliest, for further action on the proposal in the Ministry

Yours faithfully,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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