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To

**The Deputy Director General of Forests (C),**  
Regional Office, Nagpur  
Maharashtra

**Subject Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 230.780 ha. of forest land (63.930 ha. Protected Forest & 166.850 ha. Revenue Forest land) for Coal mining in Bhatgaon Underground Mine of SECL, Bhatgaon Area in Surajpur District in the State of Chhattisgarh (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/39553/2019)- regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Chhattisgarh letter No. 5-56/2023/10-2 dated 16.07.2024 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 the instant proposal is for mining. As per Rule 10 (4) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the site inspection for the instant proposal needs to be carried out by the concerned Regional Office.

In this regard, Regional Office, Nagpur is requested to carry out the site inspection of area proposed for diversion and submit the detailed report along with recommendation to the Ministry for further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd-**

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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