

**File No.: 8-06/2018-FC**  
**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 Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Diversion of 107.816 ha (Forest block No. RF-340, RF- 341, RF-342 and RF343) of forest land in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited for Tawa underground coal mining project under Betul North Forest Division and District Betul, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/20921/2016) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/20921/2016/3620 dated 10.07.2024 on the above subject forwarding required information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 02.11.2018 and to say that following information/documents are required for further process:

- i. A condition regarding action against the officers responsible for violation was stipulated in the Stage-1 approval. The State/UA has contested that the areas in question were acquired under CBA prior to 1980 and there was no clarity on the application of FCA,1980 till 2005 when the same was clarified by the ministry and thereafter the proposal was submitted for regularization in 2007. However, the decision to impose the condition was taken in 2018. Therefore the state shall comply with the condition no. (iii) of Stage-1 approval and submit report.
- ii. The Ministry vide its guideline dated 6.01.2022 read with guidelines dated 22.03.2022 has revised the rates of NPV to be realized from the user agencies in lieu of diversion of forest land. In this regard, a period of more than 5 years has elapsed since the issue of Stage-I approval, therefore the differential amount of NPV in light of aforementioned guidelines is also required to be realized from the user agency.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for according Final/Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

**Copy to:**

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.