

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

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Dated: 23rd August, 2021

To

The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
MoEF&CC,
Bhopal

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 201.079 ha of forest land for Tawa -II underground coal mining in favour M/s Western Coal Fields Limited, Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/24598/2017)-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's letter of even no. dated 01.07.2021 wherein *inter-alia* it was requested that:

- i. The Regional Office, Bhopal shall submit the report regarding status of the forest clearance and the on-going mining activities without valid Forest clearance under section 2(ii) of the FC, Act 1980 and the User Agency shall provide the copy of FC granted in past along with the details of the mining area of Tawa-II underground mining project over 520 ha which as per the EC report is forest land as per condition no. (iv) of Stage-I approval.
 - ii. The Regional Office, Bhopal shall submit the comprehensive report on the Forest clearance as per condition no. (v) of Stage-I approval.
 - iii. The user agency shall deposit the NPV for the entire 520 ha as per condition no.(vi) of the Stage-1 approval.
2. In this regard the State Govt. vide letter dated 27.07.2021 (**Copy enclosed**) has intimated that there is no violation of FCA, 1980 in the instant proposal. It has been further submitted that the NPV on the entire 520 ha area is also not payable.
3. However the comments of the IRO Bhopal as above have still not been received in the Ministry.
4. Accordingly, IRO Bhopal is once again requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Asst. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The P.C.C.F & HoFF, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.