

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

**Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi - 110003,
Dated: 24th August, 2020**

To,

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

Subject: Renewal for diversion of 874.146 ha of Forest Land in favour of M/s. Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) for Open Cast Mining of coal in Nigahi of District Singrauli in the State of Madhya Pradesh (Online proposal no. FP/MPIMINj28571/2017) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. PCCF (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/28571/2017/10-11/2018 dated 30.06.2020 on the above-mentioned. After examination of the said information the Ministry has observed the following:

- i. It has been noticed that the forest land was acquired under Coal Bearing (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 but the notification has been issued in the instant matter is dated 04.02.1982 which is after the date of implementation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 i.e. 25th October 1980.
- ii. In compliance to the condition regarding submission of R&R plan, the State Government has submitted a booklet named "Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy of Coal India Ltd." instead of site specific R&R plan.

In view of the above, I am directed to request to the State Government to submit the above explanation/information on the above at the earliest for further consideration of Stage-II/Final Approval of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

(Brijendra Swaroop)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal CCF & (HoFF) Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The DDG (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.