

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

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Dated: 28th August, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: 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 No. FP/MP/MIN/24598/2017) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-1/692/2013/10-11/652 dated 10.02.2023 and letter no. F-1/692/2013/10-11/2623 dated 28.06.2023 on the above subject requesting for modification of condition no. (viii) and (vii) imposed in Stage-I/In-principle approval issued vide Ministry letter of even no. dated 14.05.2018.

In this regard, it is informed that the said request was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 17.07.2023. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer (FCA), Madhya Pradesh, and keeping in view the recommendations of Advisory Committee, the following decision has been taken:

- i. Keeping in view the comments received from NTCA, it has been decided to amend the condition no (viii) of the Stage-1 approval as under:

The project site lies adjacent to Satpura reservoir and part of Tawa river comes under the project area. It is, therefore, pertinent that water discharged from the mine to the river and reservoir should be treated appropriately as per extant norms and standards of the Ministry and should be monitored periodically thereby ensuring the quality to see that the water is not polluted so as to avoid negative ecological impacts on aquatic biodiversity.

- ii. The condition regarding payment of compensatory levies along with interest in case of diversion of 90 ha forest land was examined and it has been observed that the same has been imposed after detailed deliberation in the matter. Keeping this in view, it has been decided not to make any change to the condition no (vii) of the Stage-1 approval.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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 (FCA), 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.