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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 8th August, 2023

To.

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

Subject: Diversion of 54.639 ha of Revenue Forest land in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited for Jamunia Pthaar Under Ground Coal Mining Project in West Chhindwara District under the Chhindwara Forest Division, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/10885/2015) - regarding.

Madam/Sir.

I am directed to refer to letter no. F-1/FP/MIN/10885/2015/3330 dated 26.07.2023 of PCCF(LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above mentioned subject forwarding required information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 03.01.2018 and inform that the following shortcoming have been observed in the reply:

i. As per Condition no. (v) i.e. The whole forest land in the mining lease area will be planted with local species in consultation and association with the forest department at the cost of user agency. The user agency will prepare afforestation scheme for surface area and submit before stage-II clearance and deposit the fund in compensatory afforestation fund managed by CAMPA. However, the user agency has not submitted afforestation scheme for surface area and has not deposited the fund in CAMPA account and the same needs submission before Stage-II approval.

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj Date: 09-08-2023 11:43:48

(Suneet Bhardwaj)
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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.