

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

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Dated: 1st September, 2023

To
IGF(Central)
Sub-Regional Office, MoEF&CC
Raipur.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of additional 43.942 ha of forest land of Kusmunda OC Expansion project of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited for Coal Mining in Korba district of Chhattisgarh– reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-20/2023/10-2 dated 16.08.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request the Sub-regional Office, Raipur to inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and also the area of 402.966 ha which has been accorded Stage-I approval in 2018 and submit a detailed report to the Ministry through Regional Office for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully
Sd/-

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur (CG).
2. DDGF(C), Regional Office, Nagpur.
3. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Jail Road, Aranya Bhavan, Raipur
5. User Agency
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi