

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

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Dated: 1st September, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 139.86 ha forest land in compartment No. RF276 & PF-277, 278, 279 of Village- Muhair and Padri, Range Baidhan of Singrouli Forest Division for Block-B Expansion Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s Northern Coalfield Limited in Singrauli District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/44294/2020) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

This is in reference to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) & Nodal Officer, FCA, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F1/823/2021/10-11/806 dated 21.02.2023 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, the proposal for diversion of 139.86 ha forest land was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 21.08.2023.

The AC after thorough deliberation and discussion observed that more than 66% of the reserve forest area which involves about 46,571 trees is proposed for dumping the overburden. The dumping of the overburden is not a site specific activity therefore the State Govt. shall explore the other alternatives over non-forest land for the same. Since, only bare minimum forest land can be allowed to be diverted therefore the State Govt. shall examine this aspect in detail and give its recommendations along with a detailed report accordingly.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 01-09-2023 18:19:36

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

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