F. No. 8-119/2011-FC

Government of India

Ministry of Environment and Forests (F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003. Dated: 2nd April, 2013

To,

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

Diversion of 255.117 ha. of forest land for underground coal mining of Maori Coal block in favour of M/s. Western Coalfields Ltd. in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/480/08/10-11/965 dated 14.03.201\$, on the above mentioned subject, wherein certain additional information/ documents were submitted to this Ministry and to say that this Ministry vide letter of even number dated 26.09.2012 requested the State Government to submit a consolidated proposal for entire forest land, including the forest land required for incline/opening etc. of the mine for extraction and evacuation of coal from the said mine.

This Ministry in its said letter dated 26.09.2012 also requested the State Government of Madhya Pradesh as below:

- The 28.123 hectares of revenue forest land and 55.028 hectare of revenue land in which as per (i) the user agency, due to difficult geological conditions, it is not economically viable to undertake mining, shall be formally excluded from the mining block before submission of the revised proposal.
- (ii) The revised proposal to be submitted by the State Government shall contain all essential documents including a soft and duly authenticated hard copy of geo-referenced map prepared by using differential GPS or Total Station.

Accordingly, I am directed to request that the State Government of Madhya Pradesh may kindly take the action as requested in this Ministry's said letter dated 26.09.2012.

Yours faithfully,

(H.C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. 1.

The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. 2.

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), 8/c Mued Bhopal.

- 4. Cuser Agency.
- 5. Moritoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
- 6. Guard File.

(H.C. Chaudhary)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests