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

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Dated: 21st September, 2023

To,

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

Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 151.095 ha forest land including 142.075 ha forest land in Forest Compartment No. RF-827 & RF-828 of Burhar Range of South Shahdol Forest Division and 9.020 ha Revenue forest land under various Khasra's for Bikram Coal Block Open cast & underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Birla Corporation Limited under Shahdol District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/49537/2020) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/829/2021/10-11/251 dated 17.01.2023 on the above mentioned subject wherein it has been requested for change of compensatory Afforestation area in terms of in-principle approved subject cited proposal and to say that the said request was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 11.09.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee recommended to accept the revised Non Forest Land provided for Compensatory Afforestation subject to the condition that the State Govt. shall either get the boundaries of forest corrected on the DSS platform before Stage-II approval or provide other non-forest land equivalent to the area overlapping with forest boundary as per DSS analysis for Compensatory Afforestation.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

SurabhirRaµrabhi Rai) **Deputy Inspector General of Forests**Date: 21-09-2023 17:27:35

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