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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 16 th September, 2021

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Naya Raipur

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of diversion of 112.385 ha of Revenue forest land for Gevra Open Cst Mine (OCM) in Katghora Forest Range, District-Korba Chhattisgarh in favour of SECL, Chhattisgarh -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F 5-12/2017/10-2 dated 16.08.2021, received online through PARIVESH on 31.08.2021, on the above subject forwarding additional information sought by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 22.01.2021 and to inform that examination of the said information in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. Complete compliance of condition no. (xii) of Stage-I approval regarding preparation of CAT Plan has not been submitted as desired under point no. (iii) of this Ministry's letter dated 22.01.2021. Further, copy of CAT plan, stated to be submitted, has not been received along with the compliance.
- ii. Examination of compliance of condition no. (xiii) revealed slow progress. Preparation and finalization of the said Plan may be expedited by the State for its timely implementation pursuant to approval of the Central Government whenever granted. It can also not be ascertained from the reply of the State whether proposed Plan is being prepared based on the outcome of impact of management intervention undertaken by the user agency for the protection, conservation and protection of wildlife in the area. The same needs to be clarified by the State.
- iii. Complete details, as desired under point no. (v) of Ministry's letter dated 22.01.2021, in respect of degraded forest land proposed for afforestation in lieu of safety zone has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted by the State.
- iv. Compliance contained in letter dated 16.08.2021 of the State Government, appears to has been submitted in response to Ministry's letter dated 22.01.2021 as information sought vide Ministry's letter dated 14.05.2021 has not been commented upon by the State. It was observed that supporting documents received along with physical copy of State Government's letter dated 16.08.2021 contains a report of the user agency on the reclamation status indicating an area of 1226.560 ha reclaimed technically and 489.80 ha reclaimed biologically. Said report of the user agency does not seem to be taken into cognizance neither by the authorities of Forest Department nor by

the State Government. It is therefore, desired updated detail of reclamation mentioned by the user agency in the supporting documents may be confirmed by the State.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Charan Jeet Singh)

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Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Arnaya Bhawan, Nawa Raipur
2. Addl. PCCF & Nodal officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Nawa Raipur
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Nawa Raipur.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division
5. User Agency
6. Guard File