

F. No. 8-13/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 4th January, 2017

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 207.990 ha area for underground mining and 5.08 ha for surface rights) of forest land for coal mining at Ketki Underground Mining, Vishrampur in Surajpur Forest Division, Surajpur District, Chhattisgarh in favour of M/s South Eastern Coal Field Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-6/2016/10-2 dated 25.06.2016 submitting the above subject proposal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal and Site Inspection Report carried out by Regional Office, Nagpur revealed following shortcomings:

1. Complete compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has not been submitted in accordance with the Advisory dated as the record of consultation and meeting of the Sub-Divisional Level Committee has not been submitted as clause (i) of Form-II.
2. R & R Plan has not been submitted.
3. Soft copy of Shape files/KML file of the proposed forest land for diversion and compensatory afforestation has not been submitted.
4. Violations over an area of 5.08 ha has been observed by Regional Office, Nagpur as the User Agency has already constructed the infrastructural facilities over said area. State Government shall submit its comments in this regards.
5. It is pointed out in the Site Inspection Report (SIR) carried out by Regional Office, Nagpur that DFO had not certified that the CA land is free from encroachment and other encumbrances.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information/documents/clarification as indicated above for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully


(Sandeep Sharma) 4/1/17

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
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