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क्रमांक 6-एमपीआर 054/2018-बीएचओ/  
प्रति,

दिनांक 26/12/2023

प्रधान सचिव (वन)  
मध्यप्रदेश शासन,  
वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल ।

विषय: उमरिया जिले वन परिक्षेत्र नौरोजाबाद संरक्षित वनखण्ड के विभिन्न खसरा क्रमांकों के रकबा 31.15 हेक्टेयर राजस्व वनभूमिमें कंचन ओपन कास्ट expansion project, कोयला उत्खनन हेतु महाप्रबंधक, साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड को उपयोग पर देने बाबत (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/28652/2017).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, Govt. of MP letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/28652/2017/2479 dated 9/8/18, wherein prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for diversion of 31.15 ha Revenue forest land for Kanchan Opencast expansion project for Coal Mining from 0.65 MTY to 2.0 MTY of Johilla Area in favour of Chief Manager, South Eastern Coalfields Limited in Umaria District of Madhya Pradesh, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the 'in-principle' approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land was accorded vide this office letter dated 24/01/2019 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The PCCF(LM), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.F-1/FP/MP/MIN/28652/2017/3226 dated 24/07/23 & APCCF (LM) even letter No. 5191 dated 06/12/2023 have furnished compliance report in respect of the relevant conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for grant of final approval.

In this connection, on the basis of the compliance report under reference and confirmation of receipt of compensatory levies from National Authority of CAMPA dated 22/11/2019, 14/08/2023 & MoEF&CC (NA) letter No. 4-36/2015-NA dated Nil, the **final approval** of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is hereby accorded for diversion of 31.15 ha Revenue forest land for Kanchan Opencast expansion project for Coal Mining from 0.65 MTY to 2.0 MTY of Johilla Area in favour of Chief Manager, South Eastern Coal Fields Limited in Umaria District of Madhya Pradesh, subject to following conditions and stipulations:-

- (1) Legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 65.00 ha degraded forest land at Survey No. PF-509, Gram Van Samiti-Aamadongri, Tehsil-Naourajabad, District- Umaria at the cost of the User Agency. A mixture of local native species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.



- (3) The User agency shall ensure maintenance and demarcation of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) and its protection by erecting adequate number of 4 feet high RCC boundary pillars inscribed with DGPS Coordinates and deploying adequate number of watchers under supervision of the State Forest Department. The safety zone shall be part of the 2.00 ha of forest land proposed to be diverted.
- (4) Boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease area and safety zone shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the direction of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (5) The User Agency either itself or through the State Forest Department, shall undertake fencing, protection and afforestation of the safety zone area (7.5 meter strip shall be kept within the mining lease or mining cluster, as applicable and such other areas as specified in the approved mining plan) at the project cost. Area of safety zone of a mining lease shall be a part of the total area of the mining lease.
- (6) The State Government shall ensure that compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been completed in accordance with the relevant Rules and Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, GoI in this regard.
- (7) User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees up to the **208 enumerated numbers or minimum number** in the diverted forest land and they shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department or the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department and State Forest Department shall undertake the fellings.
- (8) The user agency shall undertake mining and reclamation of the mined out area as per the approved mining plan and the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (9) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.
- (10) Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on the ground at the project cost, as per directions of the concerned DFO.
- (11) Layout plan of the proposed diversion of the forest land shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (12) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for execution of the project work.
- (13) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest land.
- (14) The User Agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and staff working at the site so as to prevent any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- (15) The diverted forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (16) The period of diversion of the said forest land shall be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957 or Rules framed there under.



- (17) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
- (18) The diverted forest land shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (19) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and National Green Tribunal Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (20) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- (21) **All the conditions of Stage-I approval dated 24/01/2019 shall be strictly complied.**
- (22) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

2. As has been mentioned at Para-2 of the Stage-II approval, this approval for diversion of forest land is subject to fulfillment of the stipulated conditions mentioned in this approval letter. Therefore, in the event of non-compliance of any of the conditions laid out in this approval letter, the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may withdraw the said approval for diversion of the forest land and stop all the non-forest activities being carried out in the forest land besides initiating legal action as per provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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तकनीकी अधिकारी (यानिकी)

प्रतिलिपि:

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6. आदेश पत्रावली ।

  
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