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To ✓

Assitant Inspector General of Forests (FC),  
Forest Conservation) Division,  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj  
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi

**Sub:** Proposal for prospecting of 1745.883 ha of forest land in favour of Rajyasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited for exploration of coal reserves by undertaking 153 boreholes of 4" Dia in Suguja District in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.


Sir,

I am directed to refer the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-44/2017/10-2 dated 7.07.2017 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Division of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi's letter no. 8-46/2017-FC dated 27.07.2017 requesting the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur to carry out a site inspection of the area proposed for prospecting and to inform that examination of the proposal of the prospecting for coal mining in the Regional Office revealed that actual area proposed for temporary change in land use is 6.12125 ha, comprised of 6.12 ha of drilling of 153 bore holes (0.04 ha/per bore hole) and 0.00125 ha for sumps. No forest land has been proposed to be used for construction of road paths, etc. Total area proposed for temporary change in land use is less than 100 ha. In this connection, it is to inform that as per the provision of the guidelines dated 4.07.2014, wherein inter-alia it is stated that site inspection by the Regional Office concerned of this Ministry will be insisted only if the actual area of forest land proposed to be utilized for construction of new road/paths and for drilling of bore holes/sample collection pits etc. is more than 100 ha.

In view of the above facts related to the proposal and also the provision of the guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC, site inspection of the area proposed for prospecting was not undertaken by the Regional Office, Nagpur.

This issues with the approval of Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (West Central Zone), MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Technical Officer (F)