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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: November, 2023

To,

The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 80.59 ha forest land (15.549 ha Revenue forest land of Shahdol Range under South Shahdol Forest Division and 46.488 ha in RF-227 & PF-779 of Ghanghunti Range and 18.553 ha Revenue Forest Land under Umaria Forest Division) for Sahapur West Underground Coal Mine Project & surface use in favour of M/s Sarda Energy & Minerals Ltd. in Shahdol & Umaria Districts of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/151378/2022) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/839/2023/10-11/1182 dated 20.03.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request that the Regional Office, Bhopal of this Ministry shall carryout the inspection of the forest land proposed for diversion, sites identified for compensatory afforestation (CA) and submit a detailed site inspection report (SIR) to this Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj Date: 16-11-2023 14:36:55

(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.