

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 150.098 ha Forest land including 61.656 ha forest land in Forest Compartment No. RF-710, PF-730 A & PF-730 B of Parasiya Range of West Chhindwara Forest Division and 88.442 ha Revenue forest land under various Khasra's for Brahampuri Open Cast & underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Birla Corporation Limited under Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/51637/2020) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

This is in reference to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) & Nodal Officer, FCA, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/830/2021/10-11/3613 dated 20.10.2022 on the above mentioned subject forwarding the required information. On examination of the said information it has been observed that:

- i. The copy of the field inspection report by DFO Rewa, indicating that the areas proposed for Compensatory Afforestation are suitable for planting, free from all encumbrances and they are in conformity with the guidelines issued by this Ministry has not been submitted.
- ii. The Ministry vide letter dated 24.08.2022 has intimated the State Govt that the proposal may again be taken up in the FAC once the issue of change in CA areas in case of diversion of 151.095 ha forest land for Bikram Coal Block Open cast & underground Coal Mining Project is thoroughly examined and a decision on the same is taken. It is pertinent to mention here that in case of Bikram Coal Block Open cast & underground Coal Mining proposal, the Ministry vide letter dated 27.07.2022 requested the State Government and the concerned IRO to ensure that the proposed CA area is free from all encumbrances and is in conformity with the provisions laid down in Ministry's guidelines issued from time to time and those issued vide letter no. 11-423/2011-FC dated 13.07.2021. However the reply in this regard is still awaited.

The State Government is therefore requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, 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.