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F.No. FC-II/MH-165/2021-NGP /8699

Date: 30.09.2021

✓ To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 12.07 ha forest land in favour of Western Coalfield Ltd., Ballarpur under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Sakhari-Irawati (Pouni III) Opencast Mine Project at Village-Sakhari, Tal. Rajura, Distt- Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-3616/CR-01/F-10 dated 10.06.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide his letter No. Desk-17/NC/III.D- /1715/15-16 dated 15.12.2015 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal in the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC revealed following:

- i. The State Government may clarify and furnish detail of approval, if any, obtained under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of Pouni OC project of the user agency. The same may be informed along with status of compliance of approvals granted under the FC Act, as the case may be.
- ii. The details of ancillary activities associated with mining activity in instant proposal need to be submitted. Further, details of activities proposed in future may also be submitted.
- iii. Name of signing authority is not mentioned in Part- IV submitted along with the proposal. Revised copy of Part- IV mentioning name of signing authority and date of submission shall be submitted.
- iv. KML file of land identified to carry out Compensatory Afforestation uploaded in Parivesh portal is corrupted. Soft copy of the same is not submitted along with the proposal. Correct KML file shall be uploaded in Parivesh portal and soft copy of the same along with shape files need to be submitted.
- v. CA scheme is submitted only for 7 years. As per Section 2.8 (ii) (e) of new guidelines, CA scheme should be submitted for 10 years. Therefore, revised CA scheme for 10 years shall be prepared and submitted along with soft copies of KML/ Shape files.
- vi. Maps submitted along with the proposal except CA map have not been certified by DCF, concern. Certified copies of all the relevant maps shall be submitted.
- vii. Certificate ensuring importance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not submitted along with the proposal. Original FRA- 2006 certificate along with documentary evidences in the form of copies of the

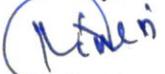
resolutions of the concerned Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) recording their consent for the proposal and bearing signature of the participants shall be submitted. In addition to this, copies of record of proceedings of the Forest Rights Committee, Sub Divisional Level Committee(s) may also be submitted.

- viii. Details of employment potential in terms of man days of skilled, semiskilled and unskilled persons on permanent (direct and indirect) and temporary (direct and indirect) basis have not been provided. The same needs to be provided by the State Government.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,


(N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.

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