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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 13th September, 2017

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Sub: Diversion of 36.98 ha reserved Forest land in favour of western Coal field Ltd. (WCL), Chandrapur area for Hindusthan Lalpeth (Expansion) Opencast Project at Reserved Forest Compartment No. 485 in Chandrapur Forest Division under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. FLD-3615/CR-294/F-10 dated 24.03.2017 submitting above subject proposal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 30.08.2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 30.08.2017 is placed on the website of this Ministry: **www. Forrestclearance.nic.in**. FAC *inter- alia* observed that:

1. State Government shall submit detail Cost benefit analysis taking into account the benefit to be accrued and environmental cost incurred from extraction of additional coal if the user agency continue to carry underground mining and this analysis shall be compared to similar analysis if user agency go with the proposed proposal of open cast mining. Both the analysis shall be done as per the latest guidelines of MoEF&CC issued on 1.8.2017.
2. State Government shall submit CA scheme for 10 years.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to provide the above information/documents for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

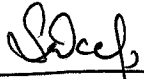
Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 13.9.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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