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No. : Desk-17/FCA-61/PJD-8832/chandrapur/2143  
Nagpur - 440 001, Dated : 17/10/2023

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T),  
Chandrapur

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.

Ref:- Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur letter No. F.No.FC-II/MH-165/2021-NGP/12320, dated 13/10/2023

Your attention is drawn to the letter under reference. In this context, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur has sought compliance on 2 points (copy enclosed).

It is therefore requested to obtain compliance of the shortcomings from the user agency and submit with all relevant documents in **English** to this office for further submission to the Ministry for consideration of the proposal for approval.

Encl:- As above

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda Forest Division, Chandrapur for formation & necessary action.

Copy to the Area General Manager, WCL, Ballarpur Area, P.O. Sasti, Dist. Chandrapur 442 706 for information & necessary action.

क्रमांक: कक्ष-3(1)/जमिन/प्र.क्र./2023-24/ 2609

चंद्रपूर, दिनांक :- 02-11-23

प्रतिलिपी:- उपवनसंरक्षक, मध्य चांदा वनविभाग, चंद्रपूर यांना माहिती व उचित कार्यवाहीकरीता सस्नेह अग्रेषित.  
केंद्र शासनाचे पत्रामध्ये उपस्थित केलेल्या 2 मुदयांची पूर्तता करून अहवाल तात्काळ या कार्यालयास सादर करावा ही विनंती.

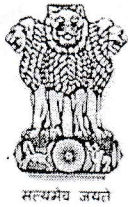
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F.No. FC-II/MH-165/2021-NGP/12320

Date: 13.10.2023

To.

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue and Forest Department,  
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Madame 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), Government of Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/NC/I/LD- /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 the proposal was forwarded to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval of the competent authority. Now the proposal has been returned with a following comments,

- i. In query (v), it was asked that "as per detail provided in the Part-I, the total project area has been indicated as 820.70 ha. while the same is mentioned as 1140.59 ha in the deliberation of REC dated 14.10.2022. Exact position in this regard may be informed."

The State Government in their reply have informed that the total project land acquired for the project as per the requirement is 1152.66 ha. Further the State Government have mentioned the details of the said land in the same reply that total land area is mentioned as 327.41 ha.

This is not found to be in conformity with the total project area mentioned in part-I of the proposal. Clarity in the above matter is required.

- ii. In query (vi), it was asked to assess the efficacy of the Wildlife Management Plan of Rs. 20 lakhs, as recommended by the State, in term of holistic impact of the mining activity on the surrounding flora and fauna. The state Government has not provided a copy of the same.

It requested to clarify the lands involved and submit the proposal with clarity and an SCN for further needful.

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.


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

Yours faithfully,

  
(C.B. Tashildar)  
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003.
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User Agency.
- iv. Guard file.

  
(C.B. Tashildar)  
AIGF (Central)