

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Diversion of 622.783 ha. forest land of Survey No. RF-276, 281 & PF -277, 278, 279, Village- Muhair and Padri, Range Baidhan in Singrouli Forest Division for BlockB Expansion Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s Northern Coalfiled Limited in Singruli District of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/44294/2020) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,


This is in reference to the Ministry's letter of even no. dated 20.12.2021 wherein it was informed that as per the recommendation of FAC a committee will visit the proposed area and submit a fact finding report.

In this regard, it is to inform that the said committee has visited the proposed area on 04.01.2022 and based on the field inspection the user agency was asked to provide the detailed justification along with the concurrence of state govt. on following points:

1. Justification for disproportionate overburden and its external dumping.
2. Justification for not using the adjoining non-forest land for dumping.
3. Justification for not using the excavated area of Old Gorbi Mine for dumping.
4. Legal Status of the area which is being used for external dumping at present.
5. The total un-utilized capacity of the existing external dump along with details.
6. The number and population of the villages required to be rehabilitated in case overburden is dumped on adjoining non-forest land.

The above detail is however still awaited from the State Govt. It is therefore requested that the requisite detail as above may kindly be submitted at the earliest for finalization of the report of the committee.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Suneet Bhardwaj) 24/12/2021

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.