

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

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Dated: 15th December, 2022

19th

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 14.00 ha Reserved Forest land in Compartment No. 454 of Junnadev Vishala Village of Jamai Range for Bharat Open Cast Coal Mine Phase-II in favour of M/s Western Coalfield Limited in Chhindwara District, Madhya Pradesh State (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017/3935 dated 22.11.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard, the following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Government:

- i. The total forest area within mining lease is found to be 145.427 ha instead of 152.728 ha as mentioned in the proposal. Therefore, the State Govt. is again requested to upload the complete KML file of the entire mining lease as per the proposal.
- ii. During the previous communication with the State Govt. it was clearly requested to scrutinize the KML files of already approved areas of 68.704 ha and 19.5 ha based upon ground truthing, however no comments/ information has been furnished by the State Govt in this regard. The same needs submission.
- iii. The copy of undertaking from the user agency for deposition of the cost of plantation carried out by Madhya Pradesh Rajya Van Vikas Nigam Limited shall be submitted.
- iv. The user agency is submitting the diversion proposals for mining in piecemeal and the State was requested to provide the prospective plan for diversion of forest land/land use change of the remaining area in the Mining lease. However, neither the plan has been submitted nor any satisfactory justification has been given for submitting the proposals in piecemeal.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information/clarification to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 19-12-2022 12:33:37
Reason: Approved

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.