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To,

Inspector General of Forest (NTCA),
National Tiger Conservation Authority
B-1 Wing, 7th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, New Delhi-110 003.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for renewal of mining lease over 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Open Cast Mine Project by M/s Western Coalfields Limited in compartment No 400 and 401 of Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/6704/2014)- regarding.

Ref: 1. Letter No. 8-123/2003-FCVol. of MoEF&CC dtd. 03.02.2025.

Sir,

The FC proposal for renewal of diversion of 80.77 Ha in respect of Durgapur OC project of WCL in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State was discussed in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 27.01.2025 at MoEF & CC, New Delhi. The directives given by committee are as follow:

The proposed forest land for renewal of mining lease over 80.77 ha for Durgapur Open Cast Mine Project is located at a distance of 1.89 Km from the Tadoba - Indravati Tiger Reserve. Further, the proposed forest land is located at a distance of 5.68 Km from the Tadoba - Indravati Tiger Corridor. Therefore, the State/Ministry shall obtain the comments/recommendation on the present proposal from the NTCA.

In this regard it is to submit that the Wildlife Clearance proposal for 80.77 Ha forest land in respect of Durgapur OC project (Proposal No. WL/MH/MIN/QRY/463196/2024) was placed before State Board of Wildlife (SBWL) in its 23rd meeting held on 12.08.2024 wherein the project has been cleared and recommended for Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (SCNBWL). Minutes of the meeting are enclosed for ready reference. The WL proposal is also forwarded by MH State Govt. to MoEF&CC vide letter dtd. 21.01.2025 and as such the proposal is under process at MoEF&CC for SCNBWL consideration (copy of Part-V & forwarding letter enclosed).

It is also pertinent to mention here that the subject 80.77 Ha does not fall in any Protected Area and is located at a distance of 1.89 Km from the Tadoba - Andhari Tiger Reserve. Further, the proposed forest land is located at a distance of 5.68 Km from the Tadoba - Andhari Tiger Corridor. As per the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC in respect of project proposals involving Forest and Wildlife clearances

vide letter dtd. 18.03.2024 and further 08.07.2024, the Stage-I FC can be issued in respect of renewal of diversion of 80.77 Ha forest land involved in the subject proposal.

However, as per the directives of Advisory Committee received through MoEF&CC vide above refereed letter, it is requested that comments/ recommendations may be provided for onward submission to Advisory Committee/ MoEF&CC.

Encl: As above


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Copy Submitted for necessary action in respect of obtaining comments from NTCA:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi

Copy for information.

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forests Department, Mantralaya Mumbai-32.
2. The Area General Manager, Chandrapur Area, Chandrapur