



**Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forests Force), Maharashtra State**
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No.Desk-17/FCA-S1/1/PID-6701/Chandrapur 2004/2024-25/2103
 Nagpur - 440 001, Date: 19/12/2024

To,

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC),
 Government of India, Ministry of Environment,
 Forests and Climate Change, (Forest Conservation Division),
 Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
 New Delhi-110003

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 WCL 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. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi letter dated 29/11/2024.
 2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Office, M.S., Nagpur vide Letter No. Desk-17/FCA 12/PID 6701/Chandrapur/2004, dated 09/12/2024.
 3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur vide letter No. Desk-3(1)/ Land/C.No.48/2024-25/1463 dated 18.12.2024.
 4. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur vide letter No. Desk-12/Survey/Land/2023-24/1132 dated 16.12.2024.

Sir,

The Government of India raised certain queries vide letter under reference No.1 Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur vide letter under reference No.3 has submitted the compliance to the queries to this office which is being submitted as under


Sr. No.	Query	Reply/ Compliance Report
1	DSS analysis revealed that the KML files of mineral evacuation / transportation route have been submitted in line feature instead of polygon due to which the same cannot be examined through DSS tool. Moreover, it has not been clarified by the State Govt. whether any forest exist in the mineral evacuation / transportation route or otherwise.	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that user Agency has submitted the Mineral Evacuation / Transportation route polygon format in KML File along with a map showing the same route. The KML file and Map submitted by User Agency has been verified at Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur's level and DFO Chandrapur further submits that no forest land is involved in the said route (Annexure I)

2	<p>It has been informed that approx. 46.10 Ha areas out of 80.77 Ha is bearing coal and the said area will be used for Coal Extraction and remaining area will be used for movement of men, machineries and other mining operations. Therefore, it needs clarification whether any alternative have been examined by the user agency to avoid the requirement of 34.67 ha Forest land for Non-site specific use such as for movement of men, machineries and other mining operations or otherwise.</p>	<p>As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that availability of Coal Reserve is site-specific and after the excavation of the coal, the extracted area will be backfilled for reclamation. User Agency has submitted that the coal reserve beneath the 46.10 Ha is to be excavated and the remaining 34.67 Ha is to be reclaimed as per mining plan.</p> <p>As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur office agrees with the submissions of User Agency.</p> <p>The entire 80.77 Ha will be used for mining activities such as Coal Extraction, Excavation of OB, Backfilling and Reclamation. Hence, the activities proposed in the 80.77 Ha are considered as Site Specific.</p>
3	<p>As per Para 7.8 (i) (e) of the Chapter-7 given in the Consolidated guidelines & Clarification issued under (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 status of compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the concerned Regional Officer of the MoEF&CC has not been submitted.</p>	<p>As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that status of Compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the IRO-Nagpur is enclosed herewith. The User Agency submits Status of 6-monthly compliance report to this office on regular basis with a copy to the Nodal Officer (Forests), Dy. Director General of Forests (Central) at the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur. (Annexure 2 & 3)</p>
4	<p>DSS analysis revealed that the area of KML file of the forest land within the lease is found to be 369.194 ha. However, the complete KML file of total 379.35 ha forest land within the mining lease has not been submitted.</p>	<p>As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that User Agency has submitted a polygon area admeasuring 379.35 Ha. Copy of the KML file submitted in a Pen Drive.</p> <p>Further it is to mention that as per the information provided by User Agency in the form of Maps and other supporting documents, the total forest land involved within the project/ mine lease is found to be 379.35 Ha.</p>
5	<p>The copy of approval of forest land in the safety zone has not been submitted by the State Govt. in pursuance of Para 7.9 (iv) of the Chapter-7 given in the Consolidated guidelines & Clarification issued under (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)</p>	<p>As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted that User Agency has submitted the copy of approvals of Safety Zone dated 08.11.2005, 19.09.2006 and 22.12.2021.</p>

	Adhiniyam, 1980.	Copies enclosed as Annexure 4 . As such, the provisions of Para 7.9 (iv) of the Chapter-7 given in the Consolidated guidelines & Clarification issued under (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 have been complied.
6	DSS analysis revealed that the KML file of the safety zone in polygon format has not been submitted.	User Agency has submitted Safety Zone in polygon format in Pen Drive .
7	It has been reported that the 40.46 ha Forest Land was approved and handed over by Revenue & Forest Department, Govt. of Maharashtra State vide FLD/3679/1453-F3 dated 23.05.1980 and being utilized for mining purpose i.e. backfilling and temporary infrastructure. However, validity of the said approval on 40.46 ha forest land which was given to M/s WCL has not been submitted. Moreover, it needs clarification whether any non-forestry activity is carried out on the said forest land after expiry of validity, if yes, whether the user agency has obtained approval under the Van Adhiniyam, 1980 for 40.46 ha forest land or otherwise.	As per the handing over letter of Revenue & Forest Department, Maharashtra State dated 23.05.1980; validity of approval is not given Annexure 5 . It is also to mention here that the said 40.46 Ha forest land is handed over prior to enactment of FC Act, 1980 and User Agency has already paid the amount of land as well as amount towards CA and other levies as per the then provisions and guidelines.
8	The KML file has been submitted for an area of 9 ha of forest land instead of 36 ha originally surrendered/ handed over to the State Forest Department. Therefore, the complete KML file of 36 ha forest land handed over needs submission.	As per the Compliance submitted by Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur and forwarded by the Conservator of Forests (T) Chandrapur submitted User Agency has submitted KML file of 36.00 Ha in Pen Drive . It is also to mention that User Agency has completed all the handing over/ surrender formalities as per the provisions of FC Act, 1980 for the said 36.00 Ha land.

This is for your information and further necessary action.

Encl: As above


(Naresh Zurmure)
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur

Copy Submitted for information to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forests Department, Mantralaya Mumbai-32.

Copy for information.

1. The Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur .
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Dharashiv.
3. Sub Area Manager, Durgapur Sub Area, Urjanagar, Chandrapur.



State of Maharashtra
Forest Division



Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur.



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No. Desk-3(1)/Land/C.No.48/2024-25/ 1463

Dated: - 18.12.2024

To

- ✓ The Add. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
& Nodal Officer,
Mah. State, Nagpur

Sub : Diversion of 80.77 Ha Forest Land for Renewal of Mining Lease under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam – 1980 for Durgapur Open Cast Mine Project in Compartment No.400 and 401 of Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur District of Maharashtra.

- Ref.: 1. Govt. of India vide letter dated 29.11.2024
2. Your office letter no. Desk-17/FCA 12/PID 6701/Chandrapur/2004, dated 09.12.2024
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur vide letter No. Desk-14/Survey/Land/1254 dated 16.12.2024

In continuation of above cited letter, the shortfalls/ queries raised in the proposal vide letter under reference No. 1 with respect to Renewal of 80.77 ha. Diverted forest land required for Durgapur Open Cast Mine Project Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam. 1980 is fulfilled by User Agency and scrutinized & submitted by Divisional Forests officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur vide his letter under reference 3.

The compliance report of shortfalls/ queries is being submitted in 4 hard copies for information and further necessary action.

Encl: As above and 3 Pen Drive

(Dr. Jitendra Ramgaokar)
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur

1. Divisional Forests Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur for information and necessary action.
2. Area General Manager, Western Coalfields Limited, Chandrapur Area, Babupeth, Chandrapur

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Govt. of Maharashtra
Forest Department



**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
CHANDRAPUR DIVISION, CHANDRAPUR**

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No.:- Desk-14/Survey/Land/ 1254
Chandrapur, Dated 16/12/2024

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chandrapur Circle,
Chandrapur.

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 2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Office, M.S., Nagpur vide Letter No. Desk-17/FCA 12/PID 6701/Chandrapur/2004, dated 09/12/2024.
 3. Project Proponent, Durgapur Sub Area, WCL, Chandrapur Area vide letter No. WCL/CHA/DSA/PA/1954, dated 12/12/2024.


As per the instructions given by the Government of India regarding the queries of reference letter no. 1, the user agency has submitted the compliance report by their reference letter no. 3. Accordingly, this office has scrutinized to the point-wise compliance report and 4 copies submitted as follows.

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2	It has been informed that approx. 46.10 Ha area out of 80.77 Ha is bearing coal and the said area will be used for Coal Extraction and remaining area will be used for movement of men, machineries and other mining operations. Therefore, it needs clarification whether any alternative have been examined by the user agency to avoid the requirement of 34.67 ha Forest land for Non-site specific use such as for movement of men, machineries and other mining operations or otherwise.	<p>Availability of Coal Reserve is site-specific and after the excavation of the coal, the extracted area will be backfilled for reclamation. User Agency has submitted that the coal reserve beneath the 46.10 Ha is to be excavated and the remaining 34.67 Ha is to be reclaimed as per mining plan.</p> <p>This office agrees with the submissions of User Agency.</p> <p>It is submitted that the entire 80.77 Ha will be used for mining activities such as Coal Extraction, Excavation of OB, Backfilling and Reclamation. Hence, the activities proposed in the 80.77 Ha are considered as Site Specific.</p>
3	As per Para 7.8 (i) (e) of the Chapter-7 given in the Consolidated guidelines & Clarification issued under (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 status of compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the concerned Regional Officer of the MoEF&CC has not been submitted.	Status of Compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the IRO-Nagpur is enclosed herewith. The User Agency submits Status of 6-monthly compliance report to this office on regular basis with a copy to the Nodal Officer (Forests), Dy. Director General of Forests (Central) at the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur. (Annexure 2 & 3)
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7	It has been reported that the 40.46 ha Forest Land was approved and handed over by Revenue & Forest Department, Govt. of Maharashtra State vide FLD/3679/1453-F3 dated 23.05.1980 and being utilized for mining purpose i.e. backfilling and temporary infrastructure. However, validity of the said approval on 40.46 ha forest land which was given to M/s WCL has not been submitted. Moreover, it needs clarification whether any non-forestry activity is carried out on the said forest land after expiry of validity, if yes, whether the user agency has obtained	<p>As per the handing over letter of Revenue & Forest Department, Maharashtra State dated 23.05.1980, validity of approval is not given Annexure 5.</p> <p>It is also to mention here that the said 40.46 Ha forest land is handed over prior to enactment of FC Act, 1980 and User Agency has already paid the amount of land as well as amount towards CA and other levies as per the then provisions and guidelines.</p>

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Encl.:- As Above.


(Prashant Khade)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Chandrapur Forest Division,
Chandrapur

1. Copy forwarded to Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440001 for information and necessary action.
2. Copy forwarded to Area General Manager, WCL Chandrapur Area, Po. Babupeth, Chandrapur for information.



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Western Coalfields Limited

(मिनीरत्न कंपनी) (A Miniratna Company)

(कोल इंडिया लि. की अनुषंगी कंपनी)

(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

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दिनांक: 12.12.2024

प्रति,

विभागीय वन अधिकारी,

चंद्रपुर वन विभाग, चंद्रपुर.

विषय : Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Ev. Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for renewal of mining lease over 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Open Cast M Project by M/s WCL in compartment No 400 and 401 of Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur District Maharashtra State.

(Online No. FP/MH/MIN/6704/2014) - regarding.

- संदर्भ : 1. 8-123/2003-FCVol. - I/88850/2024 dated :29.11.2024 by Assistant Inspector General of Forests, MoEF & CC, New Delhi
2. APCCF (Nodal Officer) letter No.Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-670 1/Chandrapur/2004/24-25 dated 09.12.2024

महोदय,

With reference to the above subject and referred letter from APCCCF office, please find the point-wise reply below

Sr. No.	Query	Reply from User Agency
1	DSS analysis revealed that the KML files of mineral evacuation / transportation route have been submitted in line feature instead of polygon due to which the same cannot be examined through DSS tool. Moreover, it has not been clarified by the State Govt. whether any forest exist in the mineral evacuation / transportation route or otherwise.	As requested Mineral Evacuation / Transportation Plan submitted herewith in a polygon format in KML File which can be examined through DSS tool. It is herewith informed that forest land will be used for mining purpose such as excavation, backfilling. A detailed map showing the mineral evacuation from the Coal Stock Yard to CSTPS is enclosed herewith as Annexure 1 . A detailed map showing the mineral evacuation from the Coal face to CSTPS is enclosed herewith as Annexure 1 .
2	It has been informed that approx. 46.10 Ha area out of 80.77 Ha is bearing coal and the said area will be used for Coal Extraction and remaining area will be used for movement of men, machineries and other mining	46.10 Ha is a coal bearing area located in the east side within 80.77 Ha forest land in the form of benches. Remaining 34.67 Ha area is already excavated area in the west side lying in the form of waterbody. During the renewal process this 34.67 Ha area will be dewatered for backfilling and reclamation as per mining plan. Further,

	<p>operations. Therefore, it needs clarification whether any alternative have been examined by the user agency to avoid the requirement of 34.67 ha Forest land for Non-site specific use such as for movement of men, machineries and other mining operations or otherwise.</p>	<p>the 80.77 Ha is along the inner boundary of the recently diverted 121.58 Ha forest land. Hence, to approach the benches area measuring 46.10 Ha and to approach to the diverted 121.58 Ha, no other alternative route or non-forest land route is available. All activities of extraction of Coal, Evacuation and backfilling / reclamation shall be done in this land itself. Hence, non-site-specific use is not possible as coal is situated in this area itself and all activities shall be carried out as per approved mining plan.</p>
3	<p>As per Para 7.8 (i) (e) of the Chapter-7 given in the Consolidated guidelines & Clarification issued under (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 status of compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the concerned Regional Officer of the MoEF&CC has not been submitted.</p>	<p>WCL is regularly submitting the Status of Compliance of the Conditions of all previous FCs to the Divisional Forest Office with a copy to the Integrated Regional Officer, MoEF & CC, Nagpur and APCCF (Nodal Officer), Van Bhavan, Nagpur. In 2024, WCL submitted compliance report vide letters dated 08.02.2024 & 26.08.2024 (Enclosed as Annexure 2).</p> <p>It is also to submit that IRO-MoEF & CC, Nagpur also regularly monitoring the status of compliance. Copy of the compliance report of previous FCs issued for Durgapur OC Project i.e., 136.54 Ha, 80.77 Ha and 121.58 Ha is enclosed Annexure 3.</p> <p>Furthermore, as per the directives issued by MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide letter dated 02.08.2024 to the Regional Office, IRO-Nagpur, site inspection was carried out by the AIGF-IRO, Nagpur on dated 29.08.2024 and report submitted.</p>
4	<p>DSS analysis revealed that the area of KML file of the forest land within the lease is found to be 369.194 ha. However, the complete KML file of total 379.35 ha forest land within the mining lease has not been submitted.</p>	<p>Complete KML file showing the total area 379.35 Ha is enclosed herewith.</p>
5	<p>The copy of approval of forest land in the safety zone has not been submitted by the State Govt. in pursuance of Para 7.9 (iv) of the Chapter-7 given in the Consolidated guidelines & Clarification issued under (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.</p>	<p>As per the guideline, Safety Zone of 7.5 meter is maintained all along the mine lease boundary. Safety Zone area is within Forest land for which competent approval obtained vide F.No.8-84-2014 dated 22.12.2021, 8-123/2003-FC, dated 08/11/2005 and F.8035/2001-FC dated 19.09.2006. Copies enclosed as Annexure 4.</p>
6	<p>DSS analysis revealed that the KML file of the safety zone in polygon format has not been submitted.</p>	<p>KML file showing Safety Zone of mine lease boundary is enclosed in polygon format and submitted in Pen Drive.</p>
7	<p>It has been reported that the 40.46 ha Forest Land was approved and handed over by Revenue & Forest Department, Govt. of Maharashtra State vide</p>	<p>As per the handing over letter issued by the Revenue & Forest Department, Maharashtra State there is no specific validity of approval is mentioned. The Order was clearly stating that "hand over possession of</p>

	FLD/3679/1453-F3 dated 23.05.1980 and being utilized for mining purpose i.e. backfilling and temporary infrastructure. However, validity of the said approval on 40.46 ha forest land which was given to M/s WCL has not been submitted. Moreover, it needs clarification whether any non-forestry activity is carried out on the said forest land after expiry of validity, if yes, whether the user agency has obtained approval under the Van Adhiniyam, 1980 for 40.46 ha forest land or otherwise.	forest land admeasuring 100 acres out of the areas specified in the Government of India, Ministry of Energy, Department of Coal. Notification No.450E dated 04th August 1979 over to the Wester Coalfields Limited for opencast mining". There is no specific mention of validity in the said letter. Copy of the letter and its re-typed version is enclosed as Annexure 5.
8	The KML file has been submitted for an area of 9 ha of forest land instead of 36 ha originally surrendered/ handed over to the State Forest Department. Therefore, the complete KML file of 36 ha forest land handed over needs submission.	KML file of 36.00 Ha (2 patches) is submitted herewith in Pen Drive .

The point-wise compliance report is hereby submitted for your kind perusal and for further needful action please.

Thanking you,

भवदीय,

Project Proponent / उपक्षेत्रीय प्रबंधक,

दुर्गापुर उपक्षेत्र, वेकोली, चंद्रपुर क्षेत्र

संलग्न:

1. Map showing mineral evacuation
2. Status of Compliance of Stage II Conditions of Previous FCs

प्रतिलिपि:

1. अपप्र प्रधान वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र राज्य, नागपूर
2. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, चंद्रपुर वनवृत्त, चंद्रपुर
3. उप महानिदेशक - वन (केंद्रीय), पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी (WCZ), सिविल लाइंस, नागपुर.
4. क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधक, चंद्रपुर क्षेत्र
5. महा प्रबंधक (भू/रा), वेकोली मुख्यालय, नागपूर
6. महा प्रबंधक (वन), वेकोली मुख्यालय, नागपूर
7. महा प्रबंधक (पर्यावरण), वेकोली मुख्यालय, नागपूर

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08/02/2024

Under Jurisdiction of Nagpur Court



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क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबन्धक का कार्यालय, चन्द्रपुर क्षेत्र

Office of Area General Manager, Chandrapur Area

पता : वेकोलि चन्द्रपुर क्षेत्र पो बाबुपेठ जिला चन्द्रपुर महाराष्ट्र पिन 442403

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दिनांक 08.02.2024

विभागीय वन अधिकारी,
चंद्रपुर वनविभाग,
चंद्रपुर

विषय :- ग्रेज-II कॉन्फ्रेस्ट्री क्लियरेंस 6 मासिक कॉम्प्लायंस रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करने का
6 monthly compliance report on Stage-II Forestry Clearance

संदर्भ :- Letter from GM(L&R), WCL HQ - WCL/GM(L&R)/MK/787
Dtd. 31.10.2019

महोदय,

Please find enclosed herewith the 6 monthly compliance report on Stage-II Forestry Clearance for the following projects in respect of Chandrapur Area.

1. Padmapur Opencast Mine	-	18.44 Ha. & 5.66 Ha.
2. Durgapur Rayatwari Colliery	-	462.43 Ha.
3. Durgapur Opencast Mine	-	80.77 Ha. & 136.54 Ha.
4. Hindusthan Lalpeth OC Mine	-	72.22 Ha. & 36.98 Ha.

This is for your kind information please.

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6 monthly compliance report on Stage-II Forestry Clearance

संदर्भ :- Letter from GM(L&R), WCL HQ – WCL/GM(L&R)/MK/787
Dtd. 31.10.2019

महोदय,

Please find enclosed herewith the 6 monthly compliance report on Stage-II Forestry Clearance for the following projects in respect of Chandrapur Area.

(1) Padmapur Opencast Mine	-	18.44 Ha. & 5.66 Ha.
(2) Durgapur Rayatwari Colliery	-	462.43 Ha.
(3) Durgapur Opencast Mine	-	80.77 Ha. & 136.54 Ha.
(4) Hindusthan Lalpeth OC Mine	-	72.22 Ha. & 36.98 Ha.

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MONITORING REPORT

DIVERSION OF 80.77 Ha. OF FOREST LAND FOR DURGAPUR OPENCAST PROJECT

Name of the Inspecting Officer: Shri. C. B. Tashildar
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Date of Site Inspection: 29/08/2024.

A. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion: Reserve Forest

B. Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:

S. No	Purpose	Name of Village	Survey No	Compartment No	Legal Status of Land	Total Area (in Ha)
1	Area Under Mining	Chandrapur Forest Division Tehsil- Chandrapur, District- Chandrapur	Nil	400 401	Reserve Forest	39.15 Ha 41.62 Ha
	Total					80.77 Ha

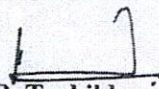
Compliance Report of stage-II FC & Status

(vide letter no. F.No.8-123/2003-FC dt. 8th Nov. 2005)

Sr. No.	Conditions	Present Status (as on 30.06.2024)
i)	Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged	Legal status of forest land remains unchanged
ii)	Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over degraded forest land double in extent to the area being diverted, i.e., over 162.00 Ha and shall be maintained	One-time payment of RS. 88,00,812.00 made during March 2006. State Forest Deptt. has taken up the afforestation on the 162 Ha. of degraded forest land.

	at the project cost.	
iii)	The lease period under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be 8 years.	Lease period was expired on 7.11.2013 an application for the renewal of forest clearance has been submitted on 1.2.2013. Renewal of Forest Clearance Proposal is in process at present.
iv)	The State Government should transfer amount of NPV and other funds to CAMPA, which has already been constituted and notified by the Central Government on 23.04.2004. Till such time, the CAMPA intimates the Head of Accounts for deposition of funds; the funds will be maintained in the form of fixed deposits in the name of Nodal Officer or concerned Divisional Forest Officer of the State Government. The funds realized towards the NPV shall be utilized by the State Government	One-time payment of NPV Rs. 62677520/- paid as stipulated by the conditions on 13.09.2004 towards NPV.
v)	RCC Pillars of 4 feet height shall be erected to demarcate the area by User Agency at the project cost and will be marked with forward and back bearings.	Complied. Demarcation done with concrete pillars.
vi)	The user agency shall raise, fence and maintain a safety zone around the mining area and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area one and half times in extent of the safety zone at the project cost	<p>Safety Zone all along the mining area is maintained as per the condition. Further, Rs.8,42,877.00 has been deposited on 13.09.2004 to the State Forest Department towards fencing and maintaining the safety zone of 80.77 Ha Forest Land has taken up the required work on degraded forest land elsewhere.</p> <p>Safety zone = Rs. 1,42,877.00 (2.63 Ha. X @ Rs.54,326/Ha)</p> <p>Fencing charges = Rs. 7,00,000.00 (3500 RMT X Rs.200/RMT)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">= Rs. 8,42,877.00</p> <p>Payment of Rs.8,42,877/- towards Safety Zone paid through SBI-Chandrapur Cheque No.705985 dated 30th May 2005.</p>
vii)	All necessary measures should be taken by the user agency to protect the environment	EC clearance obtained for 3 MTPA for Durgapur Extension Deep Opencast Project which is included present land on 80.77 Ha. Forest land vide No.J-11015/56/2008-IA-II (M) dated 10.11.2017 from MOEF, New Delhi. The EC is valid as on date.
viii)	The user agency should implement the reclamation works as per the reclamation plan. Monitoring of the reclamation works should be done continuously by the State Forest Department. The user agency shall submit progress report of reclamation works to the State Forest Department and Regional Office, Bhopal	<p>Till date an approx. Area 36.00 Ha of project area has been reclaimed and No further activity is being undertaken at present in this subject area as on date. Further activity back filling & reclamation will commence after the starting of work in the 121.58 Ha Forest Land of Durgapur Extn. Deep OC Project.</p> <p>As on date, Stage-II approval was obtained from MOEF vide letter no. F. No. 8-84/2014-FC Gol, MoEF and Climate change (F.C. Division), New Delhi dated 22nd Dec 2021 for diversion of 121.58 Ha. of forest land for Durgapur Deep Extn.</p>

		OC Project. Handing over of 121.58 Ha is in under process at State Forest Department.
ix)	Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under strict supervision of State Forest Department, at the cost of the project	Complied. Rs.47566/- deposited to the State Forest Department vide SBI Cheque No. 708964, dated 10.09.2004 and Rs. 342894/- vide cheque no. 718805 dtd.29.3.06 to Dy.CF, CHA reg. additional difference cost of removal of 1044 nos. of existing trees.
x)	No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.	No labour camps were established on the forest land.
xi)	Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers at the project.	One-time requirement complied by the User Agency. No activity at present of this notice.
xii)	The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available wildlife.	There was no instant once of wild life damage reported in the subject area.
xiii)	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	No other activities other than mining & allied works is being undertaking in the subject area.
xiv)	The forest land thus diverted shall be non-transferable, whenever the forest land is not required, it shall be surrendered to the State Forest Deptt. under intimation to the Ministry.	Lease period given expired on 7.11.2013. However, renewal forest clearance of 80.77 Ha Forest Land has been submitted on 01.02.2013. Proposal is in process.


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MONITORING REPORT

DIVERSION OF 172.54 HA (REDUCED TO 136.54) OF FOREST LAND FOR DURGAPUR OPENCAST PROJECT

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Date of Site Inspection: 29/08/2024.

C. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion: Reserve Forest

D. Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:

S. No	Purpose	Name of Village	Survey No	Compartment No	Legal Status of Land	Total Area (in Ha)
1	Area Under Mining	Chandrapur Forest Division Tehsil - Chandrapur, District - Chandrapur	Nil	400 401 402	Reserve Forest	72.04 Ha 34.68 Ha 29.82 Ha
	Total					136.54 Ha

Compliance Report of Govt. of India's letter no. F.No. 8-35/2001-FC dtd. 19.09.2006

Sr. No.	Conditions	Present Status (as on 30.06.2024)
1)	Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over two times double degraded forest land at the cost of the User Agency, if not done earlier.	Complied. One-time payment of Rs.17534121.00/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy-Five Lakhs Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-one Only) made by the User Agency (Durgapur Opencast Mine) for Stage I clearance itself.
2)	The State Government shall charge the	Complied. One-time payment of Rs.105955000/-

	Net Present Value of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in IA No. 566 in WP(C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letters no. 5-1/1998-FC(Pt-II) dtd. 18.09.2003 and 22.09.2003 in this regard.	paid as stipulated by the conditions on 13.09.2004 towards NPV.
3)	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	Complied.
4)	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account number CA 1975 of Corporation Bank, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.	Complied. All amounts have been deposited by User Agency WCL, Chandrapur Area Durgapur Opencast Mine through the cheques in the name of Dy. Conservator of Forest, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur.
5)	Period of diversion shall be 20 years or co-terminus with mining lease, whichever is earlier.	Period of diversion is for 20 years. Agreed.
6)	Other standard conditions as applicable to such proposals shall apply in instant case also.	Other than the above conditions, no other conditions have been imposed by the State Government or Chief Conservator of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal


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MONITORING REPORT

DIVERSION OF 121.58 HA OF FOREST LAND FOR DURGAPUR EXTN. DEEP OPENCAST PROJECT

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Date of Site Inspection: 29/08/2024.

E. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion: Reserve Forest & Zudpi Jungle

F. Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:

S. No	Purpose	Name of Village	Survey No	Compartment No / Survey No	Legal Status of Land	Total Area (in Ha)
1	Area Under Mining	Chandrapur Forest Division Tehsil - Chandrapur, District - Chandrapur	Nil	400	Reserve Forest	59.20 Ha
				401		54.26 Ha
				402		1.94 Ha
2				Survey No. 261/2, Sinhala Village	Zudpi Jungle	6.18 Ha
	Total					121.58 Ha

Compliance Report of Govt. of India's letter no. F.No. 8-84-2014-FC dated 22.12.2021

A. Conditions needs to be complied prior to handing over of forest land to User Agency		
Sr. No.	Conditions	Compliance
i	The State Government shall ensure that the user agency implements the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and	Complied

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	implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government / Regional Office of MoEF & CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;	
ii	The State Government shall ensure that compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been completed in accordance with the relevant Rules and Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC in this regard, before handing over of forest land to the user agency;	Complied. FRA Certificate issued by District Collector, Chandrapur District vide letter no. Karya-4/Land/RB-2/2018/98 dated 28 th June 2018.
iii	The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates,	Complied. Boundary of the forest land is demarcated at field.
iv	The State Government shall ensure that proposed forest land i.e. 121.58 ha shall be handed over to the user agency only when the user agency has acquired the required non-forest land, if any, for the project;	The total area of this acquisition was 410.96 Ha which was acquired through Coal Bearing Areas (A&D) Act 1957 vide S.O.No.2922, dated 25 th November 2010.
v	The State Government shall upload the KML files of the area under diversion and the accepted area for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency.	Complied. KML files of the area under diversion and the accepted area for raising compensatory afforestation were uploaded by the State Forest Department in E-Green Watch portal of FSI.

B. Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to User Agency		
i.	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;	Agreed and complied
ii.	Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 11 patches of Degraded Forest land in Wadsa Forest Division in Gadchiroli Circle under Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra State. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and mono-culture of a species has to be avoided;	Complied. 11 Patches degraded forest land in Wadsa Forest Division of Gadchiroli Circle in Gadchiroli District has been allotted for Compensatory Afforestation purpose.
iii.	The user agency shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area, and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.

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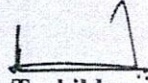
	and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc.;	
iv.	The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA under intimation to this Ministry;	Complied.
v.	The user agency shall ensure that Prosopis spp. is eliminated from the existing plantation areas of WCL within Chandrapur in a phased manner by replacing with native species, which will greatly help in reducing the human-wildlife conflicts in the area;	This is a part of approved Wildlife Mitigation Measures and also it is to be complied after handling over the forest land to User Agency. Hence this will be done accordingly.
vi.	The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
vii.	The State Government shall constitute a Committee under the chairmanship of PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW to ensure continued monitoring and use of existing corridor by wildlife and suggesting the measures for maintenance of corridor functionality,	Complied. A committee under the chairmanship of PCCF (Wildlife & CWLW) constituted vide Government of Maharashtra, Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya Mumbai-400032 G.R.No.3613/Pra.Kra.251/F-10 dated 05th March 2018.
viii.	The State Government shall ensure that mitigation measures suggested by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun may be implemented by the User Agency,	As per the recommendations of the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, wildlife mitigative measures worth Rs.18.07 Crores had been approved by the Committee under the Chairmanship of PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW on dated 12.07.2022. WCL has already deposited Rs.8.99 Crore towards the mitigative measures to be implemented through State Forest Department. Remaining mitigative measures will be complied after the handing over of 121.58 Ha forest land.
ix.	User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m. from outer perimeter of the mining lease;	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.

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x.	The user agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the user agency, the Nodal Officer or the Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
xi.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	Complied. Environmental clearance obtained for 3 MTPA for Durgapur Extension Deep Opencast Project which vide No.J-11015/56/2008-IA-II (M) dated 10.11.2017 from MOEF, New Delhi. The EC is valid as on date.
xii.	The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957, & as amended or Rules framed there under;	Agreed. The proposed 121.58 Ha land has notified under Section 9(i) of CBA act with All Rights vide notification S.O. No.2922 dated 25 th November 2010. Since, the forest land acquired under CBA (A&D) Act 1957, the mining lease will be co-terminus till the exhaust of Coal Reserve.
xiii.	The State Govt, shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government;	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
xiv.	The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;	As a part of Stage I Compliance User Agency made payment of Rs.68.50 Lakh and Rs.55.59 Lakh as per the demand received from the Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division. An undertaking also submitted against this condigion.
xv.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	Complied. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.

xvi.	No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area. Labour management plan should be implement with emphasis that no labour camp be set up in the close vicinity of the eco-fragile and sensitive areas;	Complied. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
xvii.	The Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	The mining activities of this project are totally dedicated to cater power sector through CSTPS. Hence, the mining activities being carried out on 24 X 7 basis in 3 shifts a day. Hence, it is to submit that labourers are not staying or sheltered at the project site. Further, an Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
xviii.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;	Complied. Boundary of the forest land is demarcated at field.
xix.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
xx.	No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused;	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
xxi.	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;	Noted by the User Agency. State Forest Department is regularly monitoring this condition.
xxii.	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.
xxiii.	The State Govt. shall ensure that the compliance report of this approval is uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	Agreed
xxiv.	The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019;	Agreed.
xxv.	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.

	conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency; and	
xxvi.	The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 16.12.2015 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Agreed. An Undertaking in this regard has been submitted against this condition.

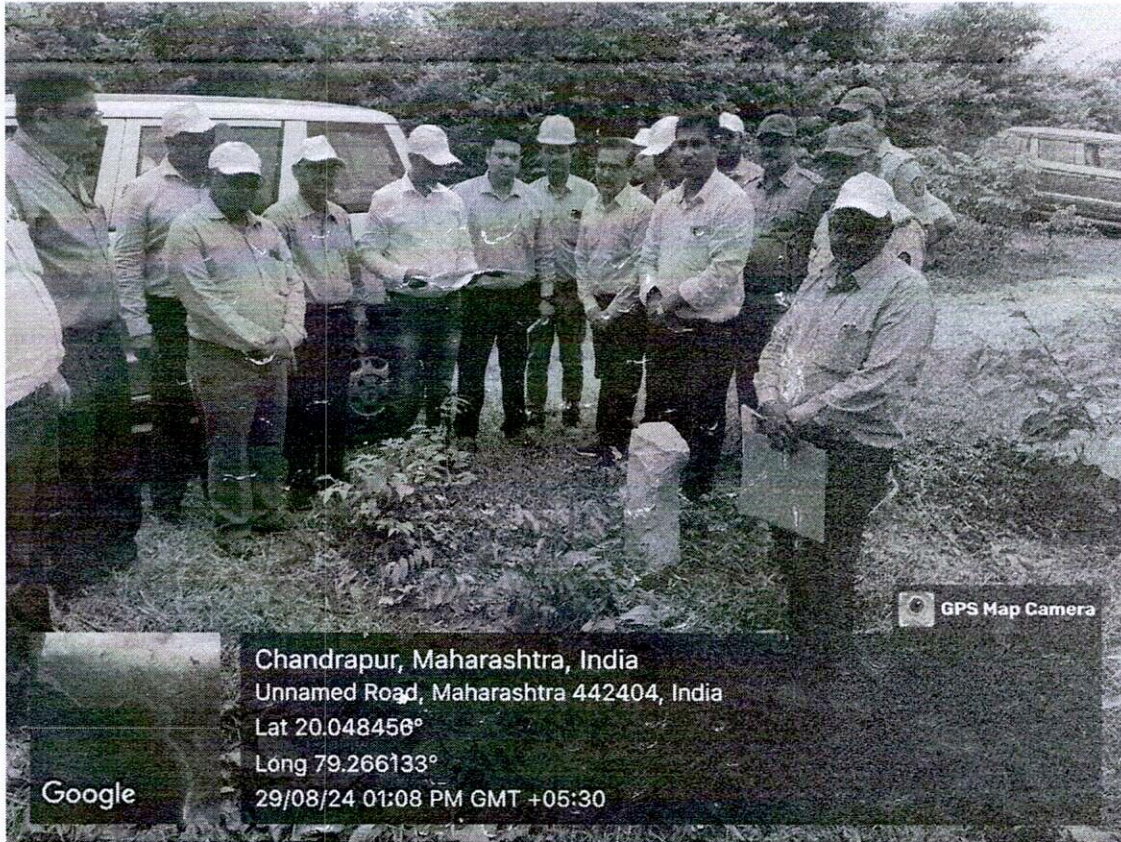

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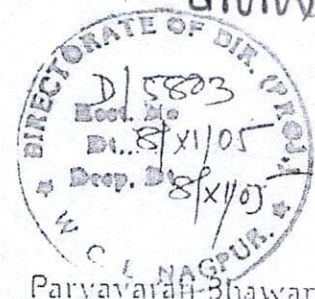
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F. No. 8-123/2003-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)



Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
New Delhi-110 003

Dated : 8th November 2005

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

Sub: Diversion of 80.77 ha of forest land for Durgapur open cast coal mine project,
in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. FLD-3603/CR-40/F-10 dated 28.10.2003 and subsequent letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/CR-11192/2691/04-05 dated 20.01.2005 and letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/CR-11192/1082/05-06 dated 26.09.2005 on the above mentioned subject whereunder the above proposal and compliance of various conditions was submitted, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 80.77 ha of forest land for Durgapur open cast coal mine project, in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra, subject to fulfilment of following conditions :-

- (i) ✓ Legal status of the forest shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) ✓ Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over degraded forest land double in extent to the area being diverted, i.e., over 162.00 ha and shall be maintained at the project cost.
- (iii) ✓ The lease period under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 8 years.
- (iv) ✓ The State Government should transfer amount of NPV and other funds to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), which has already been constituted and notified by the Central Government on 23.04.2004. Till such time, the CAMPA intimates the Head of Accounts for deposition of funds, the funds will be maintained in the form of fixed deposits in the name of Nodal Officer or concerned Divisional Forest Officer of the State Government. The funds realized towards the NPV shall not be utilized by the State Government.
- (v) ✓ RCC pillars of 4 feet height shall be erected to demarcate the area by the user agency at the project cost and will be marked with forward and back bearings.

The user agency shall raise, fence and maintain a safety zone around the mining area and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area one and half times in extent of the safety zone at the project cost.

All necessary measures should be taken by the user agency to protect the environment.

The user agency should implement the reclamation works as per the reclamation plan. Monitoring of the reclamation works should be done continuously by the State Forest Department. The user agency shall submit progress report of reclamation works to the State Forest Department and Regional Office, Bhopal. Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under strict supervision of State Forest Department, and at the cost of the project.

No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.

Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.

The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available wildlife.

The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

The forest land thus diverted shall be non-transferable. Whenever the forest land is not required, it shall be surrendered to the State Forest Department under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Pankaj Asthana)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Bhopal.
4. User Agency/Shri M.K. Shukla, CGM, Coal India Limited, Core-1, 4th Floor, Scope Minar, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi.
5. RO (HQ)/Monitoring Cell, MoEF, New Delhi.
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Government of India
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Paryavaran Bhawan,
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New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 19.09.2006

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

Sub: Diversion of 172.54 ha. of forest land (now revised to 136.54 ha) for renewal of Durgapur Open Cast Mining Lease in favour of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) in Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. PLD-3604/CR-78/F-10 dated 27.12.2004 on the above mentioned subject whereunder the above proposal was submitted seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the proposal has been considered by Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, and on the basis of the recommendations of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government granted in-principle approval vide letter of even number dated 29.05.2006 subject to certain conditions. The compliance of these conditions was submitted by the State Government vide letter No. Desk 17/NC/1/I.D.11197/883/06-09 dated 06.09.2006. After consideration of the proposal and compliance of various conditions by the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 136.54 ha. of forest land (original 172.54 ha) for renewal of Durgapur Open Cast Mining Lease in favour of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) in Chandrapur District, Maharashtra subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

- 20/9/06 (i)
- (i) Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over two times double degraded forest land at the cost of the User Agency, if not done earlier.
- (ii) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the
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Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in IA No 566 in WP(C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt-II) dated 18.09.2003 and 22.09.2003 in this regard.

- (iii) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalisation of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (iv) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account number CA 1575 of Corporation Bank, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
- (v) Period of diversion shall be 20 years or co-terminus with mining lease, whichever is earlier.
- (vi) Other standard conditions as applicable to such proposals shall apply in instant case also.

Yours faithfully,

(S.K.Chadha)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur
- ✓ 2. Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur
- 3. The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal
- 4. User Agency
- 5. RO (HQ)/Monitoring Cell, MoEF, New Delhi
- 6. Guard File

(S.K.Chadha)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 22nd December, 2021

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


Sub: Diversion of 121.58 ha of forest land for Durgapur Deep Extn. Open Cast Mine in favour of Western Coalfield Limited in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-3613/CR-251/F-10 dated 12.08.2014 on the above mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of 121.58 ha of forest land for Durgapur Deep Extn. Open Cast Mine in favour of Western Coalfield Limited in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, *In-principle approval/Stage-I clearance* for diversion of the said forest land was accorded by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 16.12.2015 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Maharashtra vide letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID 12159/1473/17-18 dated 20.09.2017, letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID 12159/2425/18-19 dated 27.03.2019, letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID11327/1018/18-19 dated 12.01.2021, letter No. Desk-17/NC/RS-I/ID-12159/655/20-21 dated 29.07.2021 and letter No. Desl-17/Nodal/Chandrapur/12159/294/21-22 dated 20.10.2021 '*Final/Stage-II approval*' of the Central Government is hereby accorded under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 121.58 ha of forest land for Durgapur Deep Extn. Open Cast Mine in favour of Western Coalfield Limited in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra State subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:


A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land to user agency by the State Govt.:


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- i. The State Government shall ensure that the user agency implements the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work and implementation. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government/Regional Office of MoEF &CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones;
- ii. The State Government shall ensure that compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been completed in accordance with the relevant Rules and Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC in this regard, before handing over of forest land to the user agency;
- iii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- iv. The State Government shall ensure that proposed forest land i.e. 121.58 ha shall be handed over to the user agency only when the user agency has acquired the required non-forest land, if any, for the project;
- v. The State Government shall upload the KML files of the area under diversion and the accepted area for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency.

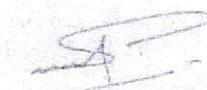
B: Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Govt.:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 11 patches of Degraded Forest land in Wadsa Forest Division in Gadchiroli Circle under Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra State. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and mono-culture of a species has to be avoided;
- iii. The user agency shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area, and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc.;
- iv. The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA under intimation to this Ministry;
- v. The user agency shall ensure that *Prosopis spp.* is eliminated from the existing plantation areas of WCL within Chandrapur in a phased manner by replacing with native species, which will greatly help in reducing the human-wildlife conflicts in the area;
- vi. The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to


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be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;

- vii. The State Government shall constitute a Committee under the chairmanship of PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW to ensure continued monitoring and use of existing corridor by wildlife and suggesting the measures for maintenance of corridor functionality;
- viii. The State Government shall ensure that mitigation measures suggested by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun may be implemented by the User Agency;
- ix. User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located in the area within 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease;
- x. The user agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the user agency, the Nodal Officer or the Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.
- xi. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- xii. The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957, as amended or Rules framed there under;
- xiii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government;
- xiv. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xvi. No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area. Labour management


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plan should be implement with emphasis that no labour camp be set up in the close vicinity of the eco-fragile and sensitive areas;

- xvii. The Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xviii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
- xix. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- xx. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused;
- xxi. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xxii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
- xxiii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the compliance report of this approval is uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- xxiv. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019;
- xxv. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency; and
- xxvi. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 16.12.2015 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours sincerely,


(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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 4. User Agency;
 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.


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Revenue & Forests Department,
Mantralaya, Bombay-32,

Dated: 23rd May, 1980.

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Subject:- Forest Land : Chandrapur.
Coal bearing area-
acquired, handing over to Western Coalfields
Ltd.

MEMORANDUM:

The undersigned presents compliments to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Pune, and with reference to his letter No.D-12/MHL/300/78-79/500/80-81 dated 8th May, 1980 on the subject mentioned above is directed to accord sanction to hand over possession of forest land admeasuring 100 sq acres out of the areas specified in the Government of India, Ministry of Energy, Department of Coal. Notification No.S.O.450(E) dated 4th August, 1979 to the Western Coalfields Ltd., for open cast mining, provided the Western Coalfields Ltd., gives an undertaking to pay the value of the trees and of the land that may be finally settled and for that purpose shows readiness to remit without delay such additional amount over and above that it has already credited as may be necessary on the final valuation of the land and trees.

The Chief Conservator of Forest, should ensure that the area so handed over is that ⁱⁿ which the valuation of tree growth has ^{actually} been finalised by the Conservator of Forests, Chanda Circle, Chandrapur. Steps to get the valuation of the land finalised may be taken expeditiously.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

Under Secretary to Government,
Revenue & Forests Department.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Pune.

The Conservator of Forests, Chanda Circle, Chandrapur with reference to his endorsement No.Dek-2(1)LNI/12.1492, dated 24-23-4-1980 for information.

The Additional Forest Officer, West Chanda Division, Chandrapur, for information.

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Revenue & Forests Department
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Dated : 23rd May, 1980

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Sd/-

Under Secretary to Government,
Revenue & Forests Department

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- (3) Divisions Forest Officer, West Chand Division, Chandrapur, for information

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