File No. 8-67/2002- FC (Vol.) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj New Delhi – 110003, Dated: 15th February, 2021

To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 7.448 ha reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway sliding in favour of General Manager, Jayant project NCL in Singrauli District, Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/ROAD/30989/2017) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no. F-5/859/2019/10-11/496 dated 02nd February, 2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request that after careful examination of the said proposal the following observations have been made by the ministry:

- i. The detail of non-forest/private land involved in the instant proposal has not been submitted. The same is required to be done along with complete details and the purpose wise breakup.
- ii. The justification for the new road has not been submitted as a road is already existing and connecting the mining area.
- iii. Apart from the 100 ha. area diverted, the google image further reveals that mining activities have been carried out in the large patches of adjoining areas as well. The status of these areas along with the extent and detail of approvals be submitted.
- iv. The detail of violation if any in above areas be submitted.
- v. The construction of new road will involve fresh cutting and therefore a muck management plan is required to be submitted.
- vi. The documentary evidence indicating that user agency is a Govt. of India entity be also submitted.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the above information at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

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

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;

- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
- 3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.