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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aligani, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 17th February, 2023

To.

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

Subject: Diversion of 150.098 ha Forest land including 61.656 ha forest land in Forest Compartment No. RF-710, PF-730 A & PF-730 B of Parasiya Range of West Chhindwara Forest Division and 88.442 ha Revenue forest land under various Khasra's for Brahampuri Open Cast & underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Birla Corporation Limited under Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. **FP/MP/MIN/51637/2020)** – regarding.

Madam/Sir.

This is in reference to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) & Nodal Officer, FCA, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/830/2021/10-11/364 dated 27.01.2023 on the above mentioned subject forwarding the required information. On examination of the said information it has been observed that:

- i. The State Government shall submit detailed justification regarding repeated changes in CA areas.
- ii. In case of proposal for diversion of forest land for Bikram Coal Block the Ministry vide letter no. 8-34/2021-FC dated 02.03.2023 requested the State Government to submit detailed justification regarding repeated changes in CA areas. Reply awaited.

The State Government is therefore requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) **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, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal:
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.