

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

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: 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.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-2019/CR-310/F-10 dated 19.06.2024 regarding proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2025. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee **deferred** the proposal for renewal of mining lease over 80.77 ha forest land for Durgapur Open Cast Mine Project for want of following information:

- i. 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 view of the above, it is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 03-02-2025 09:54:54

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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