

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

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Dated: 3rd February, 2022

To

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

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 354.258 ha. of forest land/revenue forest land (314.743 ha. of forest land + 39.515 ha. of revenue forest land = 354.258 ha. forest land) for Jhiria West Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, Anuppur District State of Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019/132 dated 12.01.2022 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. The State Govt has now intimated that the total area of the Coal block is 427.993 ha. whereas the same has been mentioned as 482.694 ha in the Mine closure Plan/Mining Plan. This needs clarification.
- ii. It has been intimated that an area of 7.143 ha will be used as Safety Zone however the KML file of 7.143 ha forest land for Safety Zone has not been uploaded on PARIVESH portal, which is required to be done. It is pertinent to mention here that the area of safety zone has been mentioned as 84.778 ha in the Mine Plan/Mine closure plan. This needs clarification.
- iii. The component wise breakup given in the Part-1 of the application is also required to be corrected keeping in view the exact area under safety zone, roads and other proposed land use.
- iv. The details in the Mining Plan/Mine Closure plan must be commensurate with the details given in the project proposal. The corrective measures are therefore required to be taken in this regard.
- v. The progressive mine closure plan(phase wise, year wise) including the exact details of the area proposed for mining, safety zone and other components is required to be submitted.
- vi. Out of 16 patches for CA, 8 patches are having pre-plantation operations

carried out in the past and having presence of Settlements, Agriculture land etc. within the proposed CA boundary. The areas proposed for CA have to be suitable for plantation and free from all encumbrances.

- vii. The Cost Benefit analysis is required to be revised as per the guidelines of the Ministry and keeping in view the revised rates of the NPV.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,



(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.