

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

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**Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
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) -regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the 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/39881/2019/181 dated 12.01.2023 on the above cited subject and inform that the following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Government:-

- i. The CCF in his Site Inspection Report reported that out of 354.512 ha an area of 7.143 ha forest land will be considered for mining Safety Zone. The State Government informed that according to the revised mining plan area 427.993 ha, the area of the mining safety zone has been revised to 92.175 ha out of which 70.618 ha is forest land and balance 21.557 ha area is Non-forest/ Revenue land. However the revised Mining plan for Component wise breakup mentions that for Mining Safety Zone an area of 65.366 ha forest land and 26.809 ha Non-Forest land is required. This variation needs clarification and revision besides approval of Mining Plan accordingly.
- ii. The total width of safety zone around the mining lease has not been given in the proposal. The same needs to be provided.
- iii. As per DSS analysis the width of the safety zone is found to be 100 meters all around the mining lease area. This needs clarification.
- iv. It has not been clarified whether the components like external dumps, Belt, CHP & Sliding are proposed over forest or non-forest

land. The same needs clarification.

- v. As per DSS analysis, the total area of proposed CA land is found to be 798.718 ha instead of 810 ha CA area reported by the State Govt. whereas the CA area figures in Part-II of online form on PARIVESH still mentions that 710 ha degraded forest land has been proposed for CA in the instant proposal. This needs clarification and submission of correct KML files accordingly.
- vi. The CA scheme in Part-II of the online form has been given for 710 ha instead of 810 ha area reported to be proposed by the State Govt for Compensatory Afforestation. The CA scheme for the actual area proposed for compensatory afforestation is required to be submitted.

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

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.