F. No. 8-52/2017-FC

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 16th March, 2018

To,

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

<u>Sub:</u> Proposal for diversion of 201.079 hectares of forest land for Tawa – II underground coal mining in favour of M/s. Western Coal Fields Limited, Pathakhera in Baitul District State of Madhya Pradesh. -reg.,

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Satpura Bhawan, Government of Madhya Pradesh 's letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/24598/2017/10-11/366 Bhopal dated 06.02.2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examined the information submitted by the State Government, the following shortcomings again noticed:

- (i) It is observed that the part-IV & V have been signed by the respective authorities on 30.01.2018 and 03.02.2018, and the same is not uploaded on the website.
- (ii) The purpose-wise breakup for proposed forest land may please be given.
- (iii) The present status of compliance on the conditions stipulated in Stage-I clearance as issued by Ministry's letter No. 8-102/2004-FC dated 30.01.2012 for diversion of 90.00 ha. of forest land for renewal of mining lease out of 122.00 ha. forest land, and five years would be elapsed by 29.01.2017 with justification for delay in its submission may be given.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Kumar)

Technical Officer (Forestry) Gr.-I (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980 O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

4. The Addl. PCCF (C) Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.

4. User Agency.

5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

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