

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

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Dated: 21st March, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 139.86 ha forest land in compartment No. RF-276 & PF-277, 278, 279 of Village- Muhair and Padri, Range Baidhan of Singrouli Forest Division for Block-B Expansion Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s Northern Coalfield Limited in Singrauli District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/44294/2020) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/823/2021/10-11/806 dated 21.02.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. On examination of proposal the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The recommendations of DCF, CCF, Nodal Officer and State Govt. in Part-II, Part-III, Part-IV and Part- V respectively w.r.t instant proposal of 139.86 ha shall be submitted.
- ii. The user agency shall upload a DGPS map showing the purpose wise utilization of forest land proposed for diversion.
- iii. The State Govt. shall examine the accuracy of the KML file of forest land proposed for diversion (as per revised proposal) as part of presently proposed forest area is overlapping with the 447 ha approved forest land (Proposal No FP/MP/MIN/907/2005).
- iv. The State Govt. shall examine the accuracy of the Mining lease boundary (ML) and proposed Safety zone KML file as shifting in the KML of Mine lease boundary and the safety zone is observed while comparing the same with reference to the KML file submitted by the user agency in their previous diversion proposal i.e. 631.39 ha.
- v. The updated details of Mining lease area, Mining plan etc. as per revised/ latest diversion proposal shall be uploaded in online Part-I.

- vi. Satellite imagery shows that in two (2) CA patches namely PF-82, PF-64 plantation work was carried out in the past. Further, one (1) CA patch namely PF 752 has encroachment/Agricultural land. The State Government shall submit CA area free from all encumbrances.
- vii. The State Govt. needs to update and upload the DGPS Map, SoI Map etc. as per revised proposal in online Part-II.

In view of the above, the state govt. is requested to submit the above information at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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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.