

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

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**Dated: 2nd March, 2023**

**To,**

**The Principal Secretary,**  
Government of West Bengal,  
Kolkata-700 098

**Sub: Diversion of 109.459 ha of forest land for Open Cast Mining Project at Gourangdih ABC coal mine in favour of WB Mineral Development and Trading Corporation under Durgapur Forest Division, West Bengal.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to online proposal No. FP/WB/MIN/26869/2017 for the above subject matter and to convey that the said proposal has been considered by the FAC in its meeting held on 23.02. 2023. The minutes of the FAC meeting are available on PARIVESH portal i.e. [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

It is informed that the FAC took a serious view of the fact that the Nodal Officer, Govt. of West Bengal has not attended the meeting of FAC and decided to defer the proposal and give one more chance to the State Govt. to present their case before FAC in its next meeting and directed that the Nodal Officer, Govt. of West Bengal, Regional Officer, IRO Kolkata and the Chief Managing Director of WB Mineral Development & Trading Corporation should be present in person in the next FAC meeting.

This is for your information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
2. Chief Managing Director, West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (WBMDTCL), 3rd Floor, DJ-10, WBIIDC Building, DJ Block, Sector II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091 (E-mail:- [wbmdtcltd@gmail.com](mailto:wbmdtcltd@gmail.com))
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF (HoFF), Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Kolkata

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5. User agency.
6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.