

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

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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 151.095 ha forest land including 142.075 ha forest land in Forest Compartment No. RF-827 & RF-828 of Burhar Range of South Shahdol Forest Division and 9.020 ha Revenue forest land under various Khasra's for Bikram Coal Block Open cast & underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Birla Corporation Limited under Shahdol District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/49537/2020)- reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/829/2021/10-11/678 dated 23.02.2022 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. As per details submitted it is reported that Compensatory Afforestation (5400 no. of plants) has been carried out over an area of 3.177 ha in RF-827 which is now proposed for diversion. The state govt may explore the possibility of excluding said area from the diversion proposal. The details of the proposal for which this Compensatory Afforestation has been carried out is also required to be submitted.
- ii. In addition a small patch of 0.091 ha outside the mining lease area has also been proposed for diversion. The purpose for which it is required and the plan for connectivity may be submitted.
- iii. The NFL proposed for CA is not free from all encumbrances. State Govt./User Agency shall provide the NFL free from all encumbrances for Compensatory Afforestation.
- iv. The copy of the approved Mine reclamation and Mine closure plan in respect of Open cast and Underground mining areas has not been submitted yet.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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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.