कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (कक्ष भू—प्रबंध), सतपुड़ा भवन, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल क्रमांक / एफ—1 / FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017/ 1058 भोपाल, दिनांक 21/3/22 प्रति,

महाप्रबंधक, वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड, कन्हान क्षेत्र, पोस्ट डुंगरिया, तहसील जामई, जिला छिन्दवाड़ा, मध्य प्रदेश।

विषय:— वन मंडल पश्चिम छिन्दवाड़ा के परिक्षेत्र जामई के PF-454 के रकबा 14.000 हे. वनभूमि में भारत खली खुली खदान फेस—2 कोयला उत्खनन हेतु —मेसर्स वेस्टर्न कोल फील्ड्स लि. को उपयोग पर देने बाबत्। Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017

संदर्भ:— भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली का पत्र क्रमांक 8-112/2006-FC Vol. दिनांक 08/03/2022

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भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा पत्र क्र. 8-112/2006-FC Vol. दिनांक 08/03/2022 से प्रकरण में 07 बिन्दुओं पर जानकारी चाही गई है।

अतः भारत सरकार का पत्र दिनांक 08/03/2022 की प्रति संलग्न कर लेख है कि भारत सरकार के पत्र में वर्णित बिन्दु क्रमांक— ii, iii, iv, v and vii की जानकारी टेबूलर फार्म में तैयार कर आवश्यक अभिलेखों सहित जानकारी दों प्रतियों में इस कार्यालय को शीघ्र उपलब्ध कराये।

संलग्नः उपरोक्तानुसार

म्या३/७५ (सुनील अग्रवाल)

प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू–प्रबंध) मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

पृ. क्रमांक / एफ-1 / FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017/**1**059 प्रतिलिपि:- भोपाल, दिनांक 21/3/22

- 1. मुख्य वन संरक्षक, छिन्दवाड़ा वृत्त छिन्दवाडा मध्य प्रदेश।
- 2. वन मंडल अधिकारी, सामान्य वन मंडल, पश्चिम छिन्दवाडा, मध्य प्रदेश।

की ओर भारत सरकार के संदर्भित पत्र की प्रति संलग्न कर लेख है कि भारत सरकार के पत्र में वर्णित बिन्दु क्रमांक— vi की जानकारी परिवेश पोर्टल पर अपलोड कर जानकारी हार्ड प्रति में दो प्रतियों में शीघ्र इस कार्यालय को उपलब्ध करायें।

संलग्न:-उपरोक्तानुसार

प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू–प्रबंध) मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

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

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan

Aliganj, Jorbagh Road New Delhi - 110003

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,

Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

Dhopai.

Subject: Diversion of 14.00 ha Reserved Forest land in Compartment No. 454 of Junnadev Vishala Village of Jamai Range for Bharat Open Cast Coal Mine Phase-II in favour of M/s Western Coalfield Limited in Chhindwara District, Madhya Pradesh State (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017/588 dated 15.02.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the state Govt:

- i. The State has not given any cogent reason for not agreeing to the recommendation of CF Chindwara who has proposed that the area should not be diverted. The CF has mentioned in his report that Chindwara Van Mandal has done plantation over 14.00 ha area as a mitigation measure stipulated for the diversion of 19.5 ha forest land earlier. Now the same area is being proposed for diversion. The justification and clarification in this regard is therefore required to be submitted.
- ii. The State Government informed that the instant diversion is an extension of Bharat Open Cast Phase-II Coal Mining and is part of original proposal of 68.704 ha and 19.20 ha for which approval was already granted by the Ministry in past. Hence the Cost-Benefit Analysis is required to be submitted.
- iii. The State Govt. has now informed that the Mining lease area is 218.48 ha. However, the mining lease area calculated through the KML file is 216.871 ha. Therefore, correct KML file of Mining lease area needs submission.
- iv. The Satellite imagery from 27.03.2015 to 08.11.2021(copy enclosed) shows Nonforestry activity outside the approved forest area (19.50 ha) as well as the Mining lease boundary. The same may be examined and in case it is on the forest land a detailed justification be submitted to the Ministry.
- v. The Safety zone has not been maintained around the approved forest area of 19.50 ha. This needs clarification.
- vi. The KML file of CA sites after excluding the areas unsuitable for plantation has not been uploaded on PARIVESH portal. The State Govt. may look into the matter and propose suitable areas for Compensatory Afforestation. The Site suitability certificate

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for the proposed CA sites is also required to be submitted.

vii. The State Govt. has not provided the Geo-referenced detailed land use plan for entire Kanhan area. The same shall be submitted.

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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

## Copy to:

- 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.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj Date: 09-03-2022 06:57:38

Reason: Approved