

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**  
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**Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

**To**

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Uttar Pradesh,  
Lucknow.

**Subject: Proposal of Renewal for diversion of 185.84 ha of Forest Land in favour of M/s. Northern Coalfields Limited for Coal Mining in Kakari Open Cast Coal Mining in Sonbhadra District in the State of Uttar Pradesh (Online No. FP/UP/MIN/29061/2017) – regarding.**

**Madam/Sir,**

I am directed to refer the Government of Uttar Pradesh letter No. 81-2-2022-79/1991 dated 11.03.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The complete compliance of the Ministry's earlier approval issued vide order no. 8-350/1987-FC dt. 30.05.1989 has not been received in this office. The State Govt is again requested to submit the same.
- ii. The area involved is more than 40 ha and therefore the site inspection by CF/CCF is required. The State gov't is therefore again requested to submit the Site Inspection Report of CF/CCF.
- iii. The CDs containing the KML file, Geo-reference Map, Topo-sheet etc. pertaining to the CA land and the 185.84 ha area proposed for renewal of lease have not been received in this office. The same are also not available on PARIVESH portal. The same are therefore required to be submitted.
- iv. The State Govt has intimated that the User agency has violated the provisions of FCA, 1980 by leasing out 18.2608 Acre forest land. The state gov't. may therefore initiate the process of taking action against the said violation and submit report to the Ministry.
- v. The State gov't. has still not submitted the valid lease document pertaining to the instant proposal.

vi. The copy of clear recommendations of CCF in Part-III and Nodal Officer in Part IV have still not been submitted.

In view of the above, the State Government is again requested to submit the above requisite information for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

**Sd/-**

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF & (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
2. The DDG (Central), Regional Office (Central Zone), Lucknow;
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.