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ए 407, 409 "अरण्य भवन", सीएच-3 सर्कल के पास, सेक्टर-10 ए, गांधीनगर-382010/ A-407 & A-409,
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File No. 6-GJC048/2020-BHO

Date: 02nd May, 2022

To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)

Govt. of Gujarat

Block No. 14, 8th Floor, New Sachivalaya

Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(Online Proposal No. FP/GJ/MIN/42424/2019)

Sub: Diversion of 3.0684 ha Protected Forest land for lignite mining on SH-166 Kosamba-Velachha-Mosali-Jhanhav road in Magnrol Taluka in favour of Chief General Manager (Mines), Gujarat Industries Power Complanly Ltd in Surat District of Gujarat.
Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1020/6-01/20/SF-187/F dated 01.02.2022 forwarding the reply of this office letter dated 05.10.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the proposal and reply of State Govt. vide letter dated 01.02.2022 at IRO, Jaipur and MoEF&CC, New Delhi it is observed that the proposal needs further clarification before issuance of In-principle approval. In this regard State Govt. is requested to submit their comments on following observations:

- i. The present status of violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if any, committed by the user agency and State Government by executing lease deed on 24.04.2006 without prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of forest land involved in the mining lease.
 - ii. Detail of action taken by the State and the user agency to correct the detail of forest area in the Mining Plan approved by the M/o Coal shall be submitted.
2. Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information for further consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
DIG & RO, IRO Gandhinagar

Copy to:

1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Aranya Bhawan, Block No. A/3, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Surat Forest Division, Surat, Gujarat.
3. The Chief General Manager (Mines), Gujarat Industries Power Company Ltd, Surat, Gujarat.
4. Guard File/ Order File.