F. No. 8-69/2018-FC

Government of India

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,

Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003 Dated: May, 2019

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),

Department of Forests and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 390.264 ha forest land (370.152 ha area of Baidhan RF forest of Dudhichua Block + 20.112 ha area of Revenue Forest Land of Village Chuidhe and Jhingurdeh = 390.264 ha) in favour of M/S Northern Coal Field Limited (NCL), for Bina Kakri Open Cast Coal Mining, under Singarauli Forest Division and District in the State of Madhya Pradesh.- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No.F-1/FP/MP/MIN/2025/2016/3367 dated 30.10.2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 28.03.2019 and the detailed minutes of the FΛC meeting are placed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in.

- 2. After careful consideration, FAC recommended to obtain the following information/Justification from State Government:-
 - (i) The State Govt. was advised to review the proposal and submit report in the light of above estimated area under VDF & MDF. They are also requested to redraw the proposed diversion proposal on the lines of analysis of Λmelia Coal Block by FAC, excluding the certain area from proposal. For this purpose, State Govt. may seek help from FSI Nagpur.
 - (ii) The state government should give justification for proposing the part of Elephant Corridor area for diversion.

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(iii) The state Government should also give justification for proposing the CA area which is already covered under some plantation.

In view of the above, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to submit the information/Justification, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

(Shewan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Yours faithfully,

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 2. The Addl. Director of General (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

6. Guard File.

Dy. Inspector General of Forests