

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

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**Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022**

To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Diversion of 36.734 ha of Reserved Forest land of Forest Survey No. RF-833, 834, Forest Range-Budhar, Division-Shahdol for Bangwar Underground Coal Mining in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited in Shahdol District in Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/29264/2017) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/824/2021/10-11/1114 dated 25.03.2022 addressed to DDG, IRO, Bhopal wherein it was mentioned that the extant proposal of diversion of 36.734 ha is part of already approved proposal of diversion of 513.269 ha forest land.

In this regard, based on the communication received from IRO Bhopal, the extant proposal was examined in the Ministry (HQ level) and the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The user agency has not submitted the status of compliance of conditions stipulated in earlier approval issued vide letter no. dated 8-196/1984\_Fry (Cons) dated 15.12.1986. The same needs submission.
- ii. The Cost Benefit analysis is required to be revised as per the guidelines of the Ministry and keeping in view the revised rates of the NPV.
- iii. As per DSS analysis it is reported that the calculated area of KML file of Mining lease in the instant project is 488.0391 Ha, whereas in Part-I of the application form on PARIVESH portal, 57.166 ha area is mentioned as Mining lease. This needs clarification.
- iv. As per DSS analysis it is reported that the Achanakmar-Bandhavgarh Tiger corridor is located at a distance of 9.62 Km from the proposed area under diversion and 8.85 Km from the mine lease boundary. Hence the comments of CWLW are required to be submitted.
- v. High resolution satellite imagery shows the presence of Agriculture land, Coal processing plant etc. within the Mine lease boundary which is also a Forest land. This needs clarification.
- vi. The user agency has not uploaded the KML file of 20.432 Ha Non-forest Revenue land involved in the instant proposal on PARIVESH. The same is required for complete understanding of the present proposal.
- vii. The KML files of diverted forest land, Mine lease Boundary & CA stipulated in the earlier approval needs submission.

- viii. Copy of approved modified subsurface Mining Plan excluding the Kachhian Nallah area under the diversion for the mining along with progressive Mine Closure plan needs submission.
- ix. The Copy of the detailed land use plan in 1:4,000 scale prepared by using GPS or Total Station survey is not legible. The legible copy of same shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.
- x. The extant project though proposes mining by Under Ground methods, has significant impacts on surface. Maximum subsidence up to 5.68 m has been reported in the report which may have adverse impact on the above ground vegetation and hydrological regimes of the area. However, no studies to predict the impact of subsidence on vegetation and hydrological regimes are available in the proposal. This issues needs clarification.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
Sd/-  
(Suneet Bhardwaj) 09/05/22

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.