

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

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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 150.098 ha Forest land including 61.656 ha forest land in Forest Compartment No. RF-710, PF-730 A & PF-730 B of Parasiya Range of West Chhindwara Forest Division and 88.442 ha Revenue forest land under various Khasra's for Brahampuri Open Cast & underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Birla Corporation Limited under Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/51637/2020) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

This is in reference to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) & Nodal Officer, FCA, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/830/2021/10-11/4241 dated 20.12.2021 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, the proposal for diversion of 150.098 ha forest land was considered by the FAC in its meeting held on 13th June, 2022.

The FAC after detailed discussion with the Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Madhya Pradesh, **deferred** the proposal with following observations:

- i. The User Agency shall submit an undertaking that in future the proposed forest land shall not be sought for open cast mining purpose.
- ii. The detail of Muck to be generated during the mining and the plan for its disposal shall be submitted.
- iii. The mining plan has been prepared in the year 2008 and Subsidence Prediction Report in the year 2013 for M/s Pushp Steels & Mining (P) Ltd., therefore the relevance and the validity of the Mining plan and Subsidence Prediction Report after such a long gap and now in favour of present user agency is required to be ascertained by the State Government.
- iv. The extent of forest land involved as per the mining plan shall also be ascertained by the State Govt.
- v. The variation in the Cost Benefit Ratio as submitted in the online proposal and that in the hard copy of the proposal as pointed out in the Site Inspection report of IRO Bhopal needs clarification and correct Cost Benefit Analysis Ratio shall be submitted.

Accordingly, the State Government is requested to take appropriate action as per recommendations of FAC, and submit required information to the Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.