

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

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Dated: 5th July, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 14.00 ha Reserved Forest land in Compartment No. 454 of Junnadev Vishala Village of Jamai Range for Bharat Open Cast Coal Mine Phase-II in favour of M/s Western Coalfield Limited in Chhindwara District, Madhya Pradesh State (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017/2209 dated 22.06.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard the following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the state Government:

- i. An area calculated through the KML file of Safety Zone is found 2.144 Ha. Moreover, width of the safety zone maintained around the 19.5 Ha approved area is found varying from 6.50 meter to 11.86 meter. Some infrastructure is also visible through Satellite imagery within the safety zone. This needs clarification.
- ii. The State Govt has now submitted that the safety zone is maintained around the mining lease whereas DFO Chindwara's letter dated 11/05/2022 submitted by the State Govt mentions that the work is being done on 14 ha forest land in compliance to the condition stipulated in FC issued in respect of 19.50 ha for maintaining safety zone in outer periphery of 100 mtrs. This needs clarification.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
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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.