

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

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Dated: 24th August, 2022

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-1/830/2021/10-11/2274 dated 27.06.2022 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 01st August, 2022.

The FAC after thorough deliberation, **deferred** the proposal with following observations:

- i. The State Govt. shall ensure that the areas proposed for Compensatory Afforestation are suitable for planting and free from all encumbrances. The proposed areas should also be in conformity with the guidelines issued by this Ministry.
- ii. An undertaking stating that the proposed areas are free from all encumbrances and are final will be submitted.
- iii. The proposal may again be taken up in the FAC once the issue of change in CA areas in case of diversion of 151.095 ha forest land for Bikram Coal Block Open cast & underground Coal Mining Project is thoroughly examined and a decision on the same is taken.

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)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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;
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