

**Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)**  
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Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**

To,

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

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 354.258 ha of forest land/revenue forest land (314.743 ha of forest land + 39.515 ha of revenue forest land = 354.258 ha forest land) for Jhiria West Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, Anuppur District State of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019/2571 dated 17.08.2020 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 17.07.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal and decided that:

- i. The State shall provide the details of other projects of the user agency which are proposed to be used for over burden dumps, Belt, CHP & Sliding etc. The details of forest land diversion in these projects along with the status of compliance of the stipulated conditions under FCA shall also be provided.
- ii. The State shall revisit the Compensatory Afforestation areas keeping in view the observations raised by the Regional Office in Site Inspection Report and take corrective measures accordingly.

In view of the above, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by  
Suneet Bhardwaj  
Date: 09-08-2023 11:57:32

(Suneet Bhardwaj)  
**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh,

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- Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), 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.