

**F. No. 8-46/2017-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(FC Division)

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Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.  
**Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Raipur.

**Sub: Proposal for prospecting of 1745.883 ha of forest land of Kente Extension Coal Block in favour of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited for exploration of coal reserves by undertaking 153 boreholes of 4" Dia in Surguja District in the State of Chhattisgarh-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's Chhattisgarh vide their letter No. F-5-44/2017/10-2 dated 07.07.2017 submitting above subject proposal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 30.08.2017. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 30.08.2017 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www. forrestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forrestclearance.nic.in). FAC *inter alia* recommended that:

- (i) Regional Office Nagpur shall inspect the area and consider all facts in light of the decision of NGT, and Hon'ble Supreme court order in Civil Appeal No. 4395 of 2014 in the matter of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Nigam Ltd. Vs. Sudeep Shrivastava .
- (ii) Regional Office shall also submit its report on compliance of the conditions imposed by MOEF and CC in the approval granted to the same user agency for Parsa East and Kete Basan captive coal block open cast mining project in favour of M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidut Utpadan Nigam Limited in South Surguja Forest Division in Surguja District of Chhattisgarh. vide this Ministry's letter no. F. No. 8-31/2010 dated 15.03.2012.
- (iii) State government shall submit complete compliance of the conditions imposed by MOEF and CC in the approval granted to the same user agency for Parsa East and Kete Basan captive coal block open cast mining project in favour of M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidut Utpadan Nigam Limited in South Surguja Forest Division in Surguja District of Chhattisgarh vide this Ministry's letter no. F. No. 8-31/2010 dated 15.03.2012.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit information/document for the point (iii) above to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

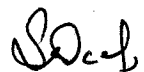
Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 13.9.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur: **with a request to submit a detailed report as sought by FAC in para (i) and (ii) above.**
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. The User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 13.9.17

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)