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

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**Dated: 18th September, 2023**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
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 No. FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/26356/2017/3478 dated 21.10.2021 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 11.09.2023. 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 for diversion of 14.00 ha Reserved Forest land for Bharat Open Cast Coal Mine Phase-II and sought the following details:

- i. The State shall submit the justification for submitting the proposals for open cast mining in piecemeal.
- ii. As per DSS analysis of the KML file submitted with the proposal, the forest area within the mining lease has been found to be 150.453 ha. The DSS cell has used the boundary of forest available on State Forest website for analysis purpose. The State shall therefore recheck the forest area involved and take necessary action for the correction of forest area involved or for the correction of the forest boundary available on the website of the State Forest department.
- iii. The copy of approved mining plan under which the 19.5 ha area was worked by way of open cast mining shall be provided.
- iv. The State Govt. shall submit approved Mining plan involving details of presently proposed 14.00 ha area showing vital project components like safety zone, external dump, infrastructure, approach road etc.
- v. The purpose wise breakup of the 14 ha area involved in the instant proposal shall be submitted.
- vi. The 19.5 ha mined out area has not been reclaimed so far. The justification for not reclaiming the same along with the reclamation plan which was

supposed to be implemented shall be submitted.

- vii. The State shall submit point-wise status of the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approvals accorded earlier along with the justification for non-compliance of the stipulated conditions.

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

Surabhi Rai (Dr. Surabhi Rai)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
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