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वनविभाग



उपवनसंरक्षक मध्य चांदा वनविभाग, यांचे कार्यालय मुल रोड, चंद्रपूर

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चंद्रपूर, दिनांक :- 07/08/2024

प्रति,

क्षेत्रीय महाप्रबंधक,
वेस्टर्न कोलफिल्ड लिमी. बल्हारपुर
ता. बल्हारपूर जिल्हा चंद्रपूर

विषय :- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2(1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Sanvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 12.07 ha. Forest land Sakhari - Irawati (Pouni III) Opencast Mine Project in Reserve forest compartment no R 603 in favour of M/S Western Coalfield Ltd., in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State.

संदर्भ :- मा. अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक व केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, म. रा. नागपुर यांचे कार्यालयाचे पत्र क्रमांक कक्ष- १७/नोडल/आयडी- ८८३२/९०३ दिनांक १५/०७/२०२४.

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उपरोक्त विषयांकीत प्रकल्प प्रस्तावात केंद्र शासनाने पत्र दिनांक ११/०७/२०२४ अन्वये एकुण ५ आक्षेप नोंदविलेले असुन संदर्भित पत्रान्वये पुर्तते करीता या कार्यालयास प्राप्त झालेले आहे. सुलभ संदर्भाकरीता सदरचे पत्र सहपत्रासह संलग्नीत आहे. तरी उपस्थित आक्षेपांची पुर्तता करुन पुर्तता अहवाल या कार्यालयास सादर करावे.

सहपत्र :- वरील प्रमाणे

प्रतिलिपी :- मा. मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, चंद्रपूर वनवृत्त, चंद्रपूर यांना माहितीस सादर.

(श्वेता बोड्डु)
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संदर्भ 30 JUL 2024

No.Desk-17/FCA 12/PID 8832/Chandrapur/903
Nagpur-440 001, Date: 15/07/2024

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (I),
Chandrapur

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2(1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 12.07 forest land Sakhari-Irawati (Pouni III) Opencast Mine Project in Reserve Forest Compartment No.R603 in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Chandrapur District In of Maharashtra State.

Ref: Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, (Forest Conservation Division) New Delhi, Dt. 11/07/2024.

Please find letter received from Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, (Forest Conservation Division) New Delhi Dt. 11/07/2024. The Central Government has sought query compliance on 05 points. The Copy of the said letter is enclosed herewith for needful action.

You are therefore requested to submit above shortcomings from the user agency along with required comments in English to this office for consideration of Government of India at the earliest.

Encl: As above

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

Copy for information & necessary action:

- 1 The Deputy Conservator of Forests Central Chanda Forest Division Chandrapur.
- 2 The Area General Manager, Western Coalfields Limited Ballarpur Area, P.O Sasti Dist.. Chandrapur.

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 12.07 forest land for Sakhari-Irawati (Pol III) Opencast Mine Project in Reserve Forest Compartment No. R-603 in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Chandrapur District Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/8832/2014) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-3616/CR-01, 10 dated 10.06.2021 on the above mentioned subject submitted to the Regional Office of this Ministry at Nagpur.

In this regard, it is to inform that the proposal is of mining category and as per the delegation of power under Rule 10 sub rule (2) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the proposal is now dealt in the Ministry as the matter forwarded by the Regional Office..

In this context while examination of the said proposal the following is observed :

- i. Copy of the approved mining plan along with progressive mine closure plan for the total lease area i.e. 1152.66 ha (out of which 1140.59 ha is non-forest and remaining 12.07 ha is forest land) is not available which needs submission.
- ii. As per the DSS analysis, KML file of complete project area i.e. 1156.66 ha and KML file of the safety zone has not been uploaded/ submitted. The same shall be provided.
- iii. The safety zone component is not listed as per submitted land use plan of the instant mine. In this regard the State Govt. shall offer comments and ensure the compliance of the guidelines with regard to safety zone.
- iv. As per the details mentioned in online Part-I the total mining lease area is reported as 778.54 ha whereas examination of the proposal revealed that the total mining lease involves 1152 ha area. In this regard, the State Govt. vide their letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-8832/2023-24/3556 dated 28.03.2023 has forwarded the justification submitted by the user agency. However,

necessary corrections in online Part-I of the proposal has not out yet.

- v. It was asked to assess the efficacy of the Wildlife Management 20 lakhs, as recommended by the State, in term of holistic in mining activity on the surrounding flora and fauna. In this regard government has submitted copy wildlife management plan which by the DCF, Central Chanda, Chandrapur Forest Division comments of the CWLW, Govt. of Maharashtra on the efficacy of Management Plan of Rs. 20 lakhs has not been submitted. If wildlife management plan has not been approved by the Principal Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State. In this regard approved Wildlife Management Plan by CWLW, Maharashtra also recommendation shall be submitted by the State Govt.

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

Yours :

Signed by

Dheeraj Mittal

(Dr. Dheer

Assistant Inspector General of

Date: 11-07-2024 19:16:22

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading PARIVESH portal.

