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## कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक एवं वन बल प्रमुख, छत्तीसगढ़

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रायपुर, दिनांक 8 /09/2023

प्रति,

वन मंडलाधिकारी  
कटघोरा वन मंडल, कटघोरा  
छत्तीसगढ़

**विषय:-** Proposal for diversion of Additional 43,942 Ha Revenue Forest Land of Kusmunda OC Expansion Project of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited for Coal Mining in Korba District of Chhattisgarh.

**Registration No. FP/CG/MIN/41604/2019**

**संदर्भ:-** भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली का पत्र क्रमांक /F.No. 8-08 / 2018-FC (pt) दिनांक 01.09.2023

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विषयांतर्गत संदर्भित पत्र का अवलोकन करें (छायाप्रति संलग्न)। उक्त पत्र के माध्यम से प्रकरण में भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा 10 बिन्दुओं की अतिरिक्त जानकारी चाही गई है।

अतएव संदर्भित पत्र में दर्शाये अनुसार बिन्दुवार जानकारी अपने अभिमत सहित मुख्य वन संरक्षक, बिलासपुर वृत्त, बिलासपुर के माध्यम से शीघ्र इस कार्यालय को प्रेषित करना सुनिश्चित करें।

संलग्न:- संदर्भित पत्र की छायाप्रति (दो पृष्ठीय)

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प्रतिलिपि सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु:-

1. मुख्य वन संरक्षक, बिलासपुर वृत्त, बिलासपुर, छत्तीसगढ़।
2. महा प्रबंधक, साउथ ईस्टर्न कोल फिल्ड्स लिमिटेड, कुसमुण्डा क्षेत्र, जिला कोरबा, छत्तीसगढ़।

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 1st September, 2023

To  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Mahanadi Bhavan,  
New Raipur (CG).

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of additional 43.942 ha of forest land of Kusmunda OC Expansion project of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited for Coal Mining in Korba district of Chhattisgarh- reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-20/2023/10-2 dated 16.08.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that after examination of said proposal the following are observed:

- i. The Ministry granted approval to 402.966 Ha of forest land on 20.04.2018 which is linked to the instant proposal. In this regard the State govt. is requested to provide the updated status of progress of compliance of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval letter.
- ii. Status of reclamation measures undertaken by the user agency in their lease area in case of earlier approvals as per the Progressive Mine Closure Plans and gaps if any, shall be intimated by the State Govt. Further, in case of instant proposal, the details of proposed reclamation/back-filled area at the end of mine life has not been given in the project report. The same needs clarification.
- iii. The State Govt. shall provide the details of safety zone of the mining leases (along with KML files) as per the para 7.9 of chapter 7 of Handbook of guidelines issued by this Ministry in 2019. Further, details of 1.5 times afforestation needs to be submitted along with complete detail of supporting attributes such as afforestation scheme, suitability certificate, KML files, etc.
- iv. The State Govt. shall provide the details of coal evacuation plan and involvement of forest land, if any, shall be intimated.
- v. The details of the validity of the entire mining lease along with detailed chronology of approvals of the mining lease shall be submitted.
- vi. As per the DSS analysis, Hadso river is flowing within buffer of proposed forest patches for which the provisions of embankment have been proposed by the State Govt. However, comments of the Water Resource Department on the proposed measures and impact of the project on the hydrological regimes in the area have not been submitted. The same requires submission. Further the State Govt. is requested to furnish its comments for the requirement of any Soil Moisture Conservation plan wrt the instant proposal and other proposals in this mining lease.
- vii. Site suitability certificates from the DCF concerned, certifying the suitability of Degraded-Forest Land for raising CA, have not been uploaded online. the same needs to be uploaded in PARIVESH portal.

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**अपर प्रबन्ध मुख्य वन संरक्षक (पू-प्रबंध)**  
उत्तरीसमूह, रायपुर

<b>अपर प्रबन्ध मुख्य वन संरक्षक (पू-प्रबंध)</b>	
नवा रायपुर, उत्तरीसमूह	
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- viii. Cost benefit analysis indicating the CB ratio of 1:40 has been submitted the same needs to be revisited and estimated using appropriate techno-economic tools for estimation of all parameters and their discounting to arrive at same values of cost and future benefits. Further, as per the CB ratio submitted it has been observed that for possession value of forest land diverted NPV is been taken for 30%. In this regard the State Govt. shall offer its comments.
- ix. Satellite imagery shows the presence of settlement, industrial structure (existing as well as fresh construction); agriculture land and road is visible within the mining lease. The requires clarification and justification that why this may not be considered as violation of FCA, 1980.
- x. Out of total 87.955 ha degraded forest land identified of compensatory afforestation, 43 ha of land is classified as moderately dense forest. The same need to be revisited by the State Government.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit information/documents as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Signed by

Dheeraj Mittal

Date: 01-09-2023 18:00:35

Yours faithfully  
Sd/-

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) Aranya Bhavan, Sector 19, North Block, New Raipur- 492002 Chhattisgarh.
2. DDGF(C) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.
3. IGF(C) Sub-Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Raipur
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Jail Road, Aranya Bhavan, Raipur.
5. User Agency
6. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन  
वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग  
मंत्रालय

महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर

क्रमांक/एफ 5-20/2023/10-2

नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, दिनांक <sup>22</sup>/09/2023

प्रति,

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2/- अतः निवेदन है कि, कृपया भारत सरकार के संदर्भित पत्र द्वारा चाही गई वांछित अतिरिक्त जानकारी शीघ्र उपलब्ध कराने का कष्ट करे।

संलग्न :- उपरोक्तानुसार।

*Rajput*  
21-9-23  
(के.पी.राजपूत)  
अवर सचिव

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन,  
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नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, दिनांक <sup>22</sup>/09/2023

प्रतिलिपि :-

- 1.अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध), कार्यालय, प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, अरण्य भवन, सेक्टर-19, नार्थ ब्लॉक, नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर, छत्तीसगढ़।
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  - 3.वनमंडलाधिकारी, कटघोरा वनमंडल, छत्तीसगढ़।
  - 4.महाप्रबंधक, एस.ई.सी.एल. कुसमुण्डा क्षेत्र जिला-कोरबा, छत्तीसगढ़।
- की ओर सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु अग्रेषित।

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