

**F.No.8-25/2009-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Jharkhand,  
Ranchi.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 226.67 hectares of forest land for Karo OCP in favour of M/s. Central Coal Fields Limited (CCL) in Bokaro district of Jharkhand.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter no. 3/Van-Bhumi-02/2009/451/VP dated 22.02.2009 submitting above subject proposal seeking 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 25.01.2018. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 25.01.2018 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in).

2. The FAC, after careful consideration of the facts placed before it and the facts placed on website of forest clearance decided to accord in -principle approval with general and standard conditions as below:

- (i) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over double the diverted forest land diverted and at least 1000 plants per hectare (480 hectares x 1000 = 480000 plants) shall be planted over identified degraded forest land with provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance.
- (ii) 25% of revised CA cost will be deposited extra by the user agency for soil and moisture conservation (SMC) activities on the CA land.
- (iii) The user agency should plan such a fashion that the internal dumping starts early which will reduce the actual OB dump area. The mining plan should be modified in that line. The external OB dump should be limited to the non-forest area alone. The user agency also should explore the possibility of dumping the OB from the proposed mine in the already existing voids or voids being created due to mining in other adjacent mines of the user agency.
- (iv) The Karo OCP is located in the East Bakaro coal fields, where a number of mines of CCL are under operation. Due to the mining the area has been denuded causing environmental problems like dust pollution, damage of trees, etc., which need immediate attention. The user agency should plan for taking up plantation in all the available areas in the East Bokaro coalfields of CCL. The plantation should be done by the CCL under the supervision and advice of the Forest Department. Instead of sectoral green planning, the CCL should go for integrated green planning including soil and moisture conservation measures for the East Bokaro coal fields.

- (v) The voids available locally within the CCL should be identified and earmarked for deposition of ash generated from the nearby Bokaro TPS.
- (vi) The user agency should give an undertaking to contribute proportionately for the regional wildlife management plan which is under preparation.
- (vii) The State Government shall provide the details compensatory afforestation land which has been reported encroached / under agriculture and 7 civil construction etc. and shall submit to the Regional Office who will inspect and submit the report.
- (viii) The recommendation of the FAC will be placed before the competent authority in the Ministry for in-principle approval after the receipt of SIR from regional office and the suitability of CA site is examined by the FC division to its satisfaction.

Accordingly, the State Government of Jharkhand is requested to submit **the details of compensatory afforestation land which has been reported encroached / under agriculture and / civil construction etc. and submit it to the Regional Office, Ranchi who will inspect and submit the report with suitability of CA to this Ministry for further necessary action.**

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Central), Eastern Regional Office, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. User agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division
6. Guard file.

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