

F. No. 8-25/2009-FC

Government of India

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

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New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 28, December, 2015

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 226.67 ha of forest land for Karo OCP in favour of M/s Central Coal field Limited (CCL) in Bokaro district of Jharkhand.

Sir,

With reference to the proposal for diversion of Forest Land under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 the Government of Jharkhand vide their letter no. 3 / VanBhumi - 02 / 2009 /4221 / VP dated 11.08.2015, submitted the reply to the observations raised by the Ministry in its letter dated 24.09.2010. The submissions along with the proposal were considered in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 24th November, 2015 wherein the FAC observed as follows.

- a. *A site inspection be carried out afresh by the Regional Office Ranchi of the area as well as the area identified for compensatory afforestation. The site inspection report would also address the issue of large variation in the tree numbers in two reports of the State Government as well as in the report of Regional Office. The report shall also give the current status of vegetation in area proposed for diversion and CA sites.*
- b. *The DGPS co-ordinates of the proposed site and the CA area in shape files to be provided.*
- c. *The proposal to incorporate the area under safety zone too, which has presently not been included as, as per the existing guidelines, the area of safety zone needs to be included in the total forest area proposed for diversion.*
- d. *The compliance of the conditions stipulated in approval earlier granted vide F No 8-22/2003-FC dated 31.03.2004 for the diversion of 77.74 ha of forest land be provided*
- e. *The details about the service area component of the purpose wise breakup of the forest land to be provided.*
- f. *The compliance of relevant provisions of The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 to be provided.*

The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting are available on <http://forestsclearance.nic.in>. I am therefore directed to request that the above points may be addressed by the State Government and compliance be sent to this Ministry for further necessary action. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajagopal Prashant)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. The User Agency (M/s Central Coal Field Limited (CCL)).
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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