

F. No. 8-46/2010-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110510.
Dated: 29 January 2014

To

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

Sub: Diversion of additional 20.43 ha of forest land for inclusion of safety zone in the total area of 998.07 ha of forest land granted diversion on 10.05.2013 in Ankua Reserve Forest for mining of iron and manganese ores in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited in Saranda Forest Division in West Singhbhum District of Jharkhand

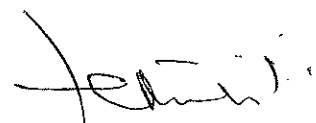
Ref: State Government's letter no. 3/Vanbhum-50/2158/VP dated 18.06.2010.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Nodal officer, Government of Jharkhand letter dated 4-11-2013 and project proponent's letter number JSW/JKD/2013/93 dated 7.11.2013 on the above cited subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government as per guideline issued vide letter dated 12 July 2012 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal was examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under Section-3 of the Act.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, and on the basis of recommendations of the FAC, the Central Government hereby accords 'in-principle' approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 diversion of additional 20.43 ha of forest land located within safety zone area of mining lease in Ankua Reserve Forest for mining of iron and manganese ores in favour of M/s JSW Steel Limited in Saranda Forest Division in West Singhbhum District of Jharkhand subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. CA should be taken over degraded forest land 1.5 times in extent of the forest land being diverted for the safety zone. The State Government will submit revised CA plan accordingly.
2. The State Government will submit map of the safety zone duly authenticated by the competent authority of the State Government;
3. Stipulations made in the Stage-I approval dated 10.05.2013 shall remain applicable in the instant case also.



4. The total area being diverted against this lease now will be 1018.50 ha including 998.07 of forest land for which stage –I approval has already been granted vide letter dated 10.05.2013.

After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(T. C. Nautiyal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agency (M/s Rohne Coal Company, B-236, Ground Floor, Road No. 3 Ashok Nagar, Ranchi – 834002, Jharkhand).
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.


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