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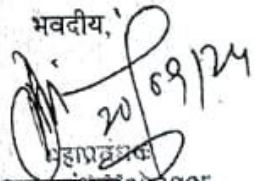
विषय: EDS Reply/Proposal no. FP/CG/MIN/39553/2019 of Bhatgaon UG Mine.  
Proposal for diversion of 230.78 ha. Forest Land (Revenue Forest 166.85 ha. and  
Reserve Forest 63.93 ha.) for Coal Mining in Bhatgaon UG Mine of SECL,  
Bhatgaon Area in Surajpur District of Chhattisgarh.

संदर्भ: पत्र क्रमांक /मा.चि./6462, सूरजपुर, दिनांक 19/09/2024.

महोदय,

एस.ई.सी.एल. भटगाँव क्षेत्र के भटगाँव भूमिगत खदान का 230.78 हे. वनभूमि (63.930 संरक्षित वन  
तथा 166.850 हे. राजस्व वन) के व्यपवर्तन प्रस्ताव में MoEF नई दिल्ली के पत्र दिनांक 14.08.2024 द्वारा  
उनकी ओर पूर्व-प्रेषित प्रकरण क्रमांक FP/CG/MIN/39553/2019 में 09 बिन्दुओं की अतिरिक्त जानकारी  
चाही गयी है।

उक्त परिपेक्ष्य में सभी बिन्दुओं की जानकारी, सम्बंधित दस्तावेजों सहित, उचित कार्यवाही हेतु आपके  
समक्ष प्रस्तुत है।  
धन्यवाद।

भवदीय,  
  
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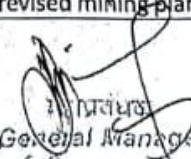


**EDS REPLY : BHATGAON UG MINE, Proposal No FP/CG/MIN/39553/2019**

**(Forest Land: 230.78 ha)**

Sl No	Queries sought by MoEF	Reply/Explanation
i.	The Ministry vide its letter no. 8-55/2016-FC dated 04.07.2017 has granted Stage-II approval for diversion of 75.055 ha of forest land for Bhatgaon mining project in favour of M/s SECL. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to submit the status of compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-II approval to this Ministry.	Mentioned proposal no. 8-55/2016-FC dated 04.07.2017 is for Mahan II OCM under Bhatgaon Area and is not related with Bhatgaon UG Mine. Under the head, B1 (details of submitted proposals) of Form 'A' of Bhatgaon UG Proposal, details of Mahan II OCM have been mentioned. Stage II FC Compliance of Mahan II OCM is enclosed (as Annexure-I) for reference.
ii.	There is a reference to three proposals submitted in the past for the project. The total area of all these proposals comes out to be 460.489 ha which implies that more forest land is involved in the mining lease area. The state shall therefore give the detail of total lease area/project along with quantum of total forest and non-forest land involved. The detail of the forest area for which approval has already been accorded and the forest area for which it is yet to be obtained shall be submitted, along with the KML files of the corresponding area.	460.489 ha Forest Land has earlier been applied for diversion of (i) Mahan II (75.055 ha), (ii) Dugga OCM (154.654 ha) and (iii) Bhatgaon UG 230.780 ha). The figures have been mentioned in B-1 of Form-A of Part-I. <b>A. Diversion of forest land already accorded.</b> 1. Shiwani UG Mine, 306.16 ha. FC Obtained (8-39/98-FC dated 28.10.98). Again applied for renewal. 2. Mahan OCM, 15.42 ha. FC Obtained 8C/14/99-FCW/1817 dated 02/09/99 3. Nawapara UG Mine, 71.98 ha. FC Obtained (8-46/99-FC dated 25.01.01 4. Mahan II OCM 75.055 ha FC Obtained (8-55/216-FC dated 11/05/17) 5. Jagannathpur OCP 119.051 ha. FC obtained (8-35/2017-FC dated 13.04.18. Total FC diversion Obtained by User Agency <b>512.611 ha.</b> <b>B. Further Diversion of forest land proposed by User Agency.</b> 1. Bhatgaon UG Mine (FP / CG / MIN / 39553 / 2019) 230.78 ha, Applied for FC. 2. Shiwani UG 306.16 ha, Renewal of FC (FP / CG / MIN / QRY / 423224 / 2023 dated 19/01/24, Applied for renewal of FC. 3. Shiwani UG 127.429 ha, Fresh FC (FP / CG / MIN / QRY / 425152 / 2023 dated 19/01/24, Applied for FC. 4. Mahamaya OCP, 200.226 ha . Applied for FC (FP/CG/MIN/39554/2019). 5. Dugga OCM 154.654 ha ( FP / CG / MIN / 36352 / 2018). Dugga OCM, however is presently discontinued. Total FC Applied by User Agency: 1019.249 ha. kml. files of the area are provided separately.
iii.	User Agency has mentioned in Part- I that mining plan has been approved in year 1979. However, copy of approved mining plan has not been submitted along with the proposal. Further, the validity of the mining plan approved 45 years ago for fresh mining in the area may be examined. The	Mining Plan has been prepared in 1979. However the mining plan has been revised in the year 1984 a copy of the same is enclosed for reference. This is an underground coal mine and all mining activities of development and depillaring is still being done in accordance with the revised mining plan and future mining

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General Manager  
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SECL Bhatgaon Area



	the component wise breakup as per mining plan shall be submitted.	Underground Mining : 230.78 ha. Opencast Mining : Nil. Other Activities : Nil.
iv.	Keeping in view the provisions contained in para 7.8 (a) of the consolidated guidelines the state has to ensure that the requisite details including subsidence prediction report are there in the mining plan and the related documents. A brief note in this regard shall be submitted.	Subsidence prediction study through 3-D numerical modelling has already been conducted by IIT-BHU Varanasi, a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.
v.	As per the information uploaded in Part-I on the PARIVESH portal, the number of families displaced due to the project is reported as Nil. However, in the physical copy of the proposal as submitted by the user agency, it has reported that 653 families have to be displaced due to this project in Surajpur district. Copy of R&R plan has also been submitted. Further, CCF, Surguja has mentioned in his site report that 999 persons have been displaced and project affected persons have been given land employment and compensation and an approved package for rehabilitation. Clarification in this regard needs to be submitted.	The mine has been commenced on 01.07.1975 and is in operation from last about 44 years. The followings are the present status in respect of compensation and employment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Employment generated: 1089.</li> <li>• Employment given at the time of submission of proposal: 999.</li> <li>• Employment given till date: 1064.</li> <li>• Balance employment to be given: 25.</li> <li>• No of families eligible for rehabilitation: 653.</li> <li>• No of families rehabilitated till date: 493</li> <li>• No of families to be rehabilitated in future: 160.</li> </ul>
vi.	Satellite imagery shows road, solid structures such as settlement, cultivation land etc. is visible on the surface of Bhatgaon Under Ground lease area. The state shall examine and submit a detailed report on the same and action taken in this regard.	Main Roads leading from Jarhi to Bhatgaon and Bhatgaon to Dumaria village which have been constructed prior to inception of mine, lies within existing forest boundary of Bhatgaon UG Mine. There are three other roads within forest boundary, which have been constructed by Nagar Panchayat Bhatgaon (with the consent of State Govt.) Details of which are enclosed. Scientific study based on 3-D numerical modelling suggest that the magnitude of strain value may exceed 20 mm/m, therefore complete extraction will not be done but method of partial extraction of pillars with DGMS Permission will be explored so that impact of mining may not extend to surface.
vii.	As per DSS analysis, the proposed forest area falls in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone as per Decision Rule 1 (due to presence of protected area). The proposed area is within 1 km radius of the Tamor Pingla WLS. However, the state has not given any such information. The state shall examine the same and submit the justification in this regard.	The boundary line of Tamor-Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary is about 15 Kms away in the N-W direction from mine boundary of Bhatgaon UG Mine. Another WLS Semarsot lies in N-E direction about 30 Kms away from mine lease. Both the Protected Areas (WLS) may kindly be re-examined.
viii.	Keeping in view the Tamor-Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary the state shall submit the comments from PCCF (WL)/CWLW and also intimate the status of recommendation of SCNBWL.	Tamor-Pingla Wild Life Sanctuary is about 15 Km away from Mine Boundary of Bhatgaon UG Mine, which may kindly be taken in consideration.
ix.	In accordance to para 7.8 (b) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 the user agency shall submit an undertaking stating that under no circumstances the underground mining operations will be converted to opencast mining operations on the said forest land at a later date.	Undertaking in this regard is enclosed.

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20.09.2024

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Manager  
Bhatgaon Area