

ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड (कोल् इंडिया लिमिटेड की एक अनुषंगी कम्पनी) महाप्रबंधक का कार्यालय, एस.पी. माइन्स क्षेत्र, पो:-चितरा, जिला - देवघर, झारखण्ड - 815351		EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED (A subsidiary of Coal India Limited) Office of the General Manager, S.P. Mines Area PO - Chitra, District - Deoghar, Jharkhand - 815351
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ECL/SPM/GM/21-22/

Date: 20.12.2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Chitra East OCP (2.5 MTY) is an opencast coal mining project in Deoghar District of Jharkhand State. The estimated cost of project is 784.70 Cr. The project has coal linkage with NTPC Barh, NTPC Farakka, WBPDC, DPL, DVC. Total forest land involved in the project is 238.22 Ha out of which 124.28 Ha has already been diverted (Stage-II FC) vide F No. 8-79/2007-FC dtd. 10.07.2019- (Copy Enclosed). The present application is for balance 113.94 Ha Forest Land.


 22.12.2021
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F. No. 8-79/2007 - FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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New Delhi - 110003

Dated: 10th July, 2019

To

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

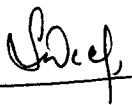
Sub: Diversion of 124.28 ha of forest land, for Chitra open cast project in favour of M/s Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL) in Deoghar Forest Division in Deoghar district of Jharkhand; Request for modification of Stage-I condition – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. 3/Van Bhoomi-85/2009/3372/VP dated 26th October, 2009 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee, constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, 'in-principle' approval to the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 21st April, 2010 read with letter dated 13th April, 2018 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

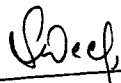
In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter no. 3/Van Bhoomi-85/2009-3524 dated 15th September, 2011, 6th August, 2015, 19th October, 2016, 18th July, 2018 and 28th May, 2019, final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 124.28 ha of forest land, for Chitra open cast project in favour of M/s Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL) in Deoghar Forest Division in Deoghar district of Jharkhand; Request for modification of Stage-I condition subject to following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land, being diverted, shall remain unchanged;
2. (i) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over degraded forest land (249.0 ha), double in extent to the forest land being diverted, from the funds already provided by the User Agency;
(ii) Penal compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land, 5 time the area of 29.7399 ha of forest land used in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds already provided by the User Agency;
(iii) Approved site-specific CA schemes, in lieu of diversion of forest land of 124.28 ha and violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be implemented by the State Forest Department from the funds already provided by the User Agency;
3. The State Government has realized the Net Present Value of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and


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as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard, additional NPV if becomes due as per final order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, shall be paid by the User Agency;


4. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
5. Funds, if any to be received from the User Agency under the project in future, shall be transferred, through e-challan, to the account of State CAMPA concerned;
6. The following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency under supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost:
 - (i) Proper mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared and implemented;
 - (ii) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds to arrest soil erosion;
 - (iii) Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour; and
 - (iv) The top soil management plan should be strictly adhered to.
7. The User Agency will ensure the dumping of OB as per the Plan;
8. The user agency will explore the possibility of dumping future OB internally and will start the reclamation immediately.
9. The User agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost.
10. Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 metre strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area), wherever feasible, shall be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone shall also be done at the project cost;
11. The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years or coterminous with the valid mining lease subject to possession of valid mining lease under the MMDR Act, 1957 whichever is earlier;
12. The State Govt. to review the proposed rehabilitation package in the light of rehabilitation policy of Jharkhand Govt. (proposed or approved) and also compare with the draft R&R of the Govt. of India as well as that of M/s. NTPC.
13. The user agency will assist the State Government in conservation and preservation of flora and fauna of the area in accordance with the plan prepared by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
15. No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area.
16. The user agency shall provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage / felling of trees.
17. The user agency will obtain Environmental clearance and any other clearances required for such project, if required;
18. The State Government shall ensure that compliance of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has been completed in accordance with the relevant Rules and Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC in this


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regard;

19. Any other condition that the Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Ranchi, may impose from time to time, with the approval of competent authority, for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.

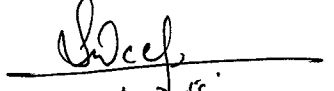
Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

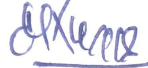
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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Ranchi
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. User Agency
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