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**RECOMMENDATION**

The site proposed for Tubed coal project comprising forest land non-forest land was inspected by undersigned on 15.06.2018. The crop density of notified forest area is 0.3. The proposal for diversion of forest land for coal block is unavoidable because coal reserve lies in the forest areas, so the project its site specific. The site proposed covers around 12 ha of 60 ha plantation in Dihi Protected Forest. The plantation area is located at the boundary of proposed area of Tubed coal block and this area is earmarked as dumping area in land use plan map submitted by the user agency. It was suggested to the user agency that 12 ha of green cover should not be disturbed for dumping. However, it was submitted by user agency vide its letter No. HQ/Mining/Tubed/FC/20 dated 04.02.2019 that *"this area has been considered appropriate and suitable for initial dumping of overburden which has got to be removed for extraction of coal. Dump area is integral part of mining area therefore now it is mandatory to obtain lease for dump area also. State Govt. grants mining lease only for area demarcated in the coal mine by MOC, GOI. Since the mining plan considerations have played a vital role in selection of coal block for a particular allottee and end use of coal, besides being legally binding on the allottee for compliance/enforcement, it is not possible for us to deviate from the proposed dumping of overburden on the aforesaid land. In a technical examination as well, the selection of overburden dump area is being done considering minimal environmental impact on surrounding area and therefore the selected area for overburden dump can't be altered. In the wake of above, we would request you to kindly waive off your reservations and allow the complete diversion of forest as proposed in mine plan. On our part, we are ready to pay the expenditure already incurred so far under the CA scheme of this 12 ha land."*

Hence, the applied forest area of 162.394 ha (54.365 ha of notified forest area and 108.029 ha of deemed forest land) is recommended for diversion on the above mentioned condition.

  
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