

Specific Recommendations

A. details of the Project:

- i. **Name of Project :** Diversion of forest land for development of Rajbar E&D Coal mines
565.63 Ha in the State of Jharkhand by TVNL
- ii. **Proposal No:** FP/JH/MIN/48598/2020
- iii. **User Agency:** TENUGHAT VIDYUT NIGAM LIMITED
- iv. **Proposed Forest area for diversion:** 564.90 Ha (*Notified Forest: 535.45 Ha, Deemed Forest (GMJJ): 29.45 Ha*)
- v. **Total project area:** 1351.00 Ha; Non-Forest area: 786.10 Ha

The proposed Rajbar E&D Coal Block is situated in the villages of Jareyang, Rajbar, Dareya, Renchi & Serak on forest and non-forest areas of Latehar & Chandwa forest ranges of Latehar Forest Division. It is a part of significant landscape in terms of ecological and hydrological functions, an important habitat and part of migratory route for wildlife (including wild elephants). Besides, it is an ecologically significant watershed that is interlaced with numerous streams, rivulets and nalas that form a part of catchment area of Sukri River.

Total project area of coal block is 1351.00 Ha out of which 564.90 Ha is forest land. According to tree enumeration a total of 68509 trees will be removed from the forest area. It is therefore very important to mitigate the impact of not only the removal of trees and change in land use over such a vast area but also the resultant change in complete landscape and loss of biodiversity from the area.

The proposed project of coal mining is recommended keeping in mind the larger public interest and energy security, provided the above concerns get adequately addressed.

Hence, the forest land diversion being site specific and CTR being the most feasible is recommended taking into consideration the mitigative measures, regarding wildlife, forest and environment.

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