

RECOMMENDATION

The user agency M/S CCL has applied for 298.42 hectare of forest land for diversion under forest (Conservation) Act to excavate coal, the main raw material required for power generation and other commercial and domestic needs in the country. The area is spread in forests of 02 villages namely Chattibariyat and Jordag under this division and as per the documents attached with the proposal it has got vast reserve of coal approximately 527.30 MT. The project is site specific and shall cater the many essential needs of the people through its linked infrastructural projects e.g. Transmission Line, Roads etc. Our energy demand for all round development is still very much dependent on coal which is about 60% of total requirement of power of the nation. At this stage, one cannot rule out the coal mining projects. The proposal was examined in the light of the guidelines issued by GOI along with the checklist and has been found in a complete state. The proposed area and its surrounding area is good habitat of many wild animals and this project will definitely impact adversely on resident and migratory wild animals for which a wildlife management plan shall be required. The project will generate many employment opportunities to the local people and will also address the migration problem of the people from these areas. Overall, the project is in the interest of the local people and the nation and therefore, this proposal for diversion of 298.42 ha. forest land for coal mining, under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act is recommended for approval by the competent authority.


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