Site Inspection Report

The proposal for diversion of forest land has been submitted by user agency M/s Central Coalfields Ltd. for underground coal mining over 215.33 ha. under Ranchi Forest Division. The user agency has applied for diversion of 215.33 ha. of forest land.

The site inspection of the forest land involved in the proposal has been carried out by the Divisional Forest Officer, Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi on dated 11th September, 2024.

The list of officials present during inspection are given below:-

- 1. Shri Surendra Kumar Singh, RFO, Burmu.
- 2. Shri Anuj Kumar, Project Officer, Churi Benti UG Project
- 3. Shri Divya Prakash, MT(Environment), NK Area.

Observations:-

1. The legal status of forest land as proposed by the user agency is as follows:-

PF=132.95 ha and Jungle Jhari (GMJJ) = 82.38 ha.

The proposed land for diversion is unavoidable & barest minimum for the project.

- 2. The proposed forest land surface is undulating and needs ample soil and moisture conservation works to control soil erosion.
- 3. Indian hare, Wild Boar, Rock-Python and Porcupine are the major wildlives present in the forest area proposed for diversion.
- 4. The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and no work has been carried out by user agency on the forest land, after the Forest Conservation Act 1980 has come into force.
- 5. No protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- 6. The surface rights on total 40.68 ha. is being sought for which the CA land has also been identified. The structure on surface of forest land where forest diversion of underground mine is being sought viz-ventilation system are indilapidated condition and records reveal that they were made before 25th October, 1980.

A proposal (bearing online proposal No-FP/JH/MIN/23021/2016) under Sec. 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 215.33 ha. of forest land for Churi Benti mines in favour of Central Coalfields Limited CCL) in Ranchi Forest Division was inspected by the undersigned.

This proposal may be accepted for diversion of forest land.

Place:- Ranchi

Date :- ... 26 Nov' 2024 ...

Divisional Forest Officer Ranchi Forest Division, Ranchi