

Recommendation Note

Details of Project


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| 1. Name | Churi-Benti underground Project |
| 2. Proposal No. | FP/JH/MIN/23021/2016 |
| 3. Forest Land applied for diversion | 281.71 Ha (65.84 Ha in Chatra South Divn.) |
| 4. User Agency | Central Coalfields Limited |

The proposal has been submitted for underground coal mining over 281.17 ha. Out of which 65.84 ha. (Notified Forest 48.59 ha. and GMJJ 17.25 ha.) of forest land in Benti village comes under Chatra South Forest Division and remaining area lies in Ranchi Forest Division. Total proposed area is applied for underground mining only.

Area is undulating and moderately prone to erosion. River Damodar is passing through the project. To protect the surface moisture, seasonal drainage, Damodar River and soil erosion of the area, a Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan/ Catchment Area Treatment Plan is necessary to recoup the area.

There is presence of rock pythons, hyenas, Jackal, Jungle cats, porcupines and other indigenous fauna in the area. Due to mining activity, movement of people and vehicle, noise etc. will increase which will have negative impact on movement of wildlife. Therefore, to mitigate negative effect of this project on wildlife, a site specific wildlife management plan is recommended.

The proposal, being site-specific, is unavoidable and the applied portion of forest land is needed for the project. Therefore, the proposal may be considered for diversion with mitigation measures as mentioned above.


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