

Office of the Project Officer, Kuya Colliery, Bastacolla Area

Ref. No. BCCL/BA/PO/Kuya/2026-27/454

Date: 16.06.2026

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Forest Division Dhanbad
Kasturba Nagar, Dhanbad, Jharkhand 826001

Subject: Diversion of 16.49 ha forest land for Kuya Colliery Open Cast Project in favour of M/s BCCL in Dhanbad district of Jharkhand

Ref No: Online Query Generated on Parivesh (Forest clearance) Portal on date 12.04.2026.

Respected Sir,

In reference to above mentioned online query, please find below point wise reply.

S. No.	Query Raised/Issue Raised	Reply
01	Point Number (i) Compliance report of earlier approval duly certified by concerned Regional Office as per para 7.8 (i) (e) of consolidated guidelines is not submitted along with the reply. The same needs to be submitted.	Compliance report i.r.o already diverted 234.08 Ha forest land has been submitted. Copy is attached as Annexure-1 .
02	Point Number (ii) KML files of CA area approved earlier has not been submitted along with the reply. The same needs to be submitted along with present status of CA land.	May be submitted by Divisional Forest Office, Dhanbad.
03	Point Number (iii) The statement showing various components over forest & non-forest land within the lease area i.e. 340.50 ha is not submitted along with the reply. The same needs to be submitted.	Various Components over Forest and Non-Forest land within the lease area i.e. 340.50 Ha is submitted in FORM A part-I under heading B-2.4 component wise breakup.


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04	Point Number (iv) State Government has reported violation over 0.1 ha by way of construction of road by the user agency. However, the same was not reported at the time of submission of proposal. Justification for the same needs to be submitted by State Government	May be submitted by Divisional Forest Office, Dhanbad.
05	Point Number (v) Detailed violation report, clearly indicating the nature, extent, and date of the violation, details of the persons responsible, and the action taken against the officials responsible for the violation, has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted by the State Government.	May be submitted by Divisional Forest Office, Dhanbad.
06	Point Number (vi) It is mentioned in the reply that as per revised mining plan, Nalla diversion is not required. Since Nalla diversion is not required, revised area, if any after excluding area under Nallah has not been informed by the State Government. Area revised, if any, may be informed by the State Government along with KML file highlighting Nalla portion.	Coal Extraction beneath Tisra Jore is not proposed in the Mining Plan of Kuya colliery. Also, the said Jore does not pass through the Forest Land. There is no change in area. KML file of Nalla portion has been uploaded on Parivesh portal FORM A part-I.
07	Point Number (vii) Conservator of Forests, Bokaro in Part-III had reported 10 years old plantation in the proposed area. Accordingly, State Government was requested to submit details of plantation and the scheme under which it was done. Details of the same is not submitted by the State Government. The same needs to be submitted.	May be submitted by Divisional Forest Office, Dhanbad.

Submitted for further needful, please.

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ANNEXURE -1

Ref. No: BCCL/BA-IX/P.O/2026-27/258(H)

Date: 10.06.2026

To,

The Regional Officer, MoEF&CC (Forest Division)
2nd floor, Headquarter, Jharkhand State Housing Board Harmu Chowk,
Argora, Jharkhand 834002

Sub: Submission of Compliance i.r.o Forest Diversion granted for 234.08 Ha Forest land for coal mining in village Ghanodih and Bera in favor of M/s Bharat Coking Coal limited (BCCL), Dhanbad.

Ref. No. – F.NO.8-44/2009-FC dated 12.04.2012

Respected Sir,

Kindly, find enclosed herewith point wise compliance i.r.o Forest Diversion granted for 234.08 Ha Forest land for coal mining in village Ghanodih and Bera in favor of M/s Bharat Coking Coal limited (BCCL), Dhanbad for year 2026.

Thanking you,

Enclosure: as above


Yours sincerely,


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Copy:

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Dhanbad Forest Division, New Office, Jharudih, Baramuri, Dhanbad, Jharkhand-826013.
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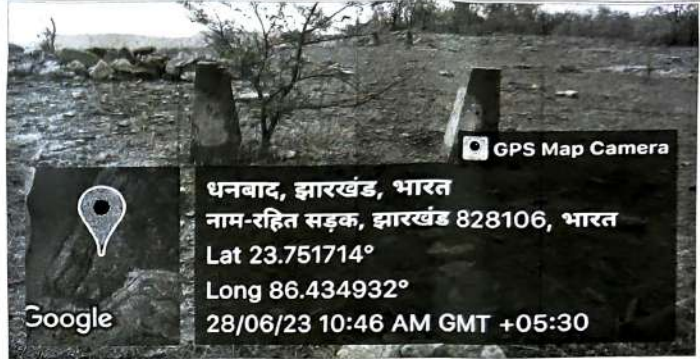

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Sl. No	Condition	Compliance / Action taken report
1	<p>Legal status of forest land remains unchanged.</p> <p>a. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.</p> <p>b. Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area shall be done at the project cost.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>BCCL has deposited Rs. 2,66,50,578 towards compensatory afforestation (DD no. 441900 dated 17.09.2010, drawn in favor of Corporation Bank Compensatory Afforestation Fund Jharkhand AC C/A 1587, payable at New Delhi). Compensatory Afforestation (total 12 sites) has been done by Forest department, Dhanbad, complete details of CA sites is attached as Annexure-1.</p> <p>63 Nos. of pillars in Safety zones were erected at the Project cost. Fencing is done.</p> <div data-bbox="730 405 1453 817">  <p>Latitude: 23.751448 Longitude: 86.434678 Elevation: 208.9733 m Accuracy: 5.3 m Time: 04-09-2024 13:12 Note: fencing pillar</p> </div>


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2	<p>The boundary of safety zone shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.</p>	<p>The boundary of Safety Zone was demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting 63 Nos. of pillars over 1310.00 m. 204 Nos [Dobari village (171) and Bera Village (33)] of Pillars were erected as demarcated pillar over Forest Land. Barbed wire fencing has been done along safety zone.</p>


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3 The following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency under supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost:

(i) Proper mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared and implemented.

The study has been already conducted by Indian School of Mines and we are complying with the recommendations. Proper mitigative Measures are being taken for prevention of Soil Erosion, Choking of Streams etc. The details are as mentioned below:-

1. **Afforestation over OB dumps/ mined out degraded land for arresting soil erosion:** After receiving Stage-I approval, till the year 2026-27, a total of 26.77 Ha (Forest Department – 9.7 Ha, Departmental – 17.07 Ha) plantation has been done in Bera, Dobari, Kuya and Ghanoodih colliery.
2. **Grassing:** Grass seeds are being broadcasted on Slopes of OB Dumps to minimize Soil Erosion. Details mentioned below:

FY	Name of project	Area (in Ha)
2019-20	Bera	2
2020-21	Bera	5
2021-22	Dobari	5
2022-23	Kuya	5

2023-24	Bera	3
2024-25	Dobari	5
2025-26	Kuya	5
2026-27 (proposed)	Kuya	5

3. Construction of Toe wall/ retention wall along OB dumps & jores:
Retention wall of about 291.13 m length has been constructed along Chatkari Jore at cost of Rs. 19,74,504.

4. Construction of sedimentation ponds:


- Sedimentation pond (Two) at Bastacolla Colliery
- Tisra Kuya pond (One) at Kuya Colliery
- Pond (One) at Bera Colliery

5. Construction of check dams: Check dam constructed over Chatkari Jore at cost of Rs.17.5 Lakhs opposite of Govardhan Eco-park, Bera.

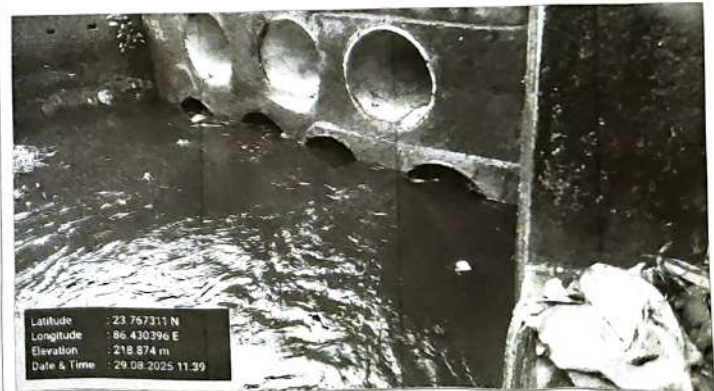
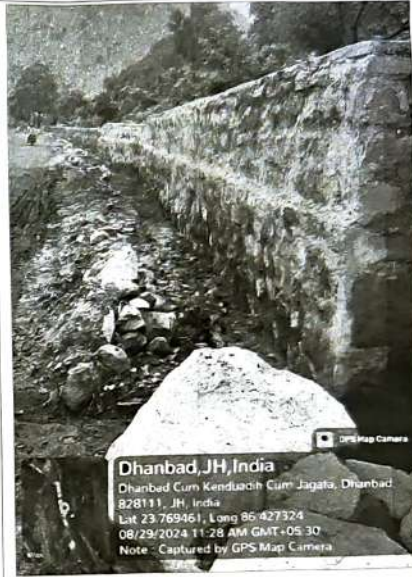
(ii) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds to arrest soil erosion.

- Till 2026-27 (after Stage I FC), afforestation done over 26.77 Ha. (Out of 26.77 Ha, afforestation over 9.70 Ha has been done through State Forest Department, Dhanbad and afforestation over 17.07 Ha has been done departmentally).
- In addition to block plantation, avenue plantation has also been done by BCCL through State Forest Department. The details is as tabulated below:

Sl no	Gabion	Year	Location
1	500 (Bamboo Gabion)	2015-16	Patrakulhi-Barmassia to Belgaria road
2	500 (Iron Gabion)	2018-19	PMCH,DGMS office, Coal Board residence area, Housing Board colony
3	600 (Bamboo Gabion)	2018-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bera Colliery office to Amtal High school • Bera Colliery office to Patrakulhi
4	1500 (Bamboo Gabion)	2020-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajapur South Jharia office to BNR Railway siding (along roads) • BNR Railway siding(within siding premises)

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<p data-bbox="284 740 755 817">(iii) Construction of check dams, retention/toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.</p>	<p data-bbox="771 740 1534 792">The details of Construction of check dams , retention/ toe walls, embankment are as :-</p> <ul data-bbox="812 798 1534 914" style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of check dams: Check dam constructed over Chatkari Jore at cost of Rs.17.5 Lakhs opposite of Govardhan Eco-park, Bera. • Construction of retention/toe walls: Retention wall of about 291.13 m length has been constructed along Chatkari Jore at cost of Rs. 19,74504. 				


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(iv) The top soil management plan should be strictly adhered to.

Top soil wherever available is being stacked and reused for eco-restoration purpose at Rajapur, Bera, Kuya, Dobari Eco-restoration site.

Year	Quantity (M ³)	Utilization/Location
2019-20	2000.00	Top Soil is being utilized in Biological Reclamation and Ecological Restoration Sites.
2020-21	2500.00	
2021-22	560.00	
2022-23	1500.00	
2023-24	Nil	
2024-25	Nil	
2025-26	Nil	
2026-27	Nil	



4 Whenever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake by involving local community, the Afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest

Being Complied.

Afforestation measures are being taken in the leasehold area of Bera, Dobari, Kuya & Ghanoodih Colliery as detailed below:

1. Afforestation over OB dumps/mined out degraded land done is detailed below:
 - Till 2026-27 (after Stage I FC), afforestation done over 26.77 Ha. (Out of

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Department at the project cost.

26.77 Ha, afforestation over 9.70 Ha has been done through State Forest Department, Dhanbad and afforestation over 17.07 Ha has been done departmentally).

- Afforestation measures in the blanks involving local community taken up during various occasions such as World Environment Day, Vriksharopan Abhiyan, Van Mahotsav, Swachhta Pakhwada, Vigilance awareness week, Ek Ped Maa ke Naam etc.
 - Afforestation works awarded to State Forest department involves the local Communities to execute the plantation work at Project Cost.
2. In addition to block plantation, avenue plantation has also been done by BCCL through State Forest Department. The details is as tabulated below:

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<p>5</p> <p>The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.</p>	<p>BCCL has already deposited the amount of Rs. 14,65,34,080 towards NPV (DD No. 441899 dated 17.09.2010, in favour of Corporation Bank Compensatory Afforestation Fund Jharkhand AC C/A 1587, payable at New Delhi.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under</p>	<p>EC obtained vide Ref No. J-11015/298/2010-IA-II(M) Dated 15.02.2013. Further, EC amended in 15.06.2018, 15.11.2020 & 28.03.2023.</p>

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	Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and any other Acts/Regulation/Rules.	
7	The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulating) Act, 1957, or Rules framed there under, subject to a maximum period of 30 years.	The period of diversion of the forest land is co-terminus with the period of the mining lease. As per Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021 dated 1st October 2021 , the mine lease is valid till 2050. Therefore, forest diversion proposal is valid till 11.04.2050 .
8	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable under strict supervision of State Forest Department.	Tree felling is always done after receiving the consent from State Forest Department. Tree felling permission was by HPC, GoJ, vide letter no TCF-03 dated 27.01.2023 for 3768 trees under Kuya colliery. 37680 no. of trees are to be planted in lieu of felling of 3768 no. of trees. Work order of 42900 trees plantation has been awarded to state forest department, Dhanbad vide order number BCCL/BA-IX/GM/2025-26/365 dated 19.03.2026 amounting to ₹ 3.62 cr. Copy of work order is attached as Annexure-2
9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.	Agreed. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused by BCCL. In addition, BCCL is doing biological reclamation through eco-restoration method, in which land is being converted to a form to replicate natural forest which attract flora and fauna leading to restoration of bio-diversity of area which is being monitored by FRI, Dehradun. Various species of flora (Psidium guajava, Albezia lebbeck, Maduca indica, Aegle marmelos, Pongamia pinnata, Heterophragma adenophyllum, Dalbergia sisoo, Ziziphus jujube) & fauna have made the site as their habitat as reported by FRI, Dehradun. Two nos. of eco restoration park viz. Govardhan park (7.65 Ha) & Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose park (3.0 Ha) have been developed. Land is being converted to replicate natural forest which attract flora and fauna leading to restoration of bio-diversity.


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Note: govardhan park




Latitude: 23.76889
Longitude: 86.429247
Elevation: 227.79±6 m
Accuracy: 138.2 m
Time: 23-02-2024 16:28
Note: govardhan Bera park

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10	No labour camps shall be set up inside the forest area.	No labour camps have been set up inside the forest area.
11	The user agency shall provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees.	BCCL is providing alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damages/felling of trees as per the existing policy of Coal India Limited in this regard.

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12	Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.	204 Nos. [Dobari village (171) and Bera Village (33)] of Pillars were erected as demarcated pillar over Forest Land. 
13	The user agency will assist the State Government in conservation and preservation of flora and fauna of the area in accordance with the plan prepared by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.	Agreed.
14	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.	Agreed and is being Complied.
15	The User Agency will ensure the dumping of OB as per the approved phased reclamation plan.	Agreed and is being Complied. OB dumping is being done as per approved Mining plan.
16	The user agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner and after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities	Forest land is under mining operation and extraction has not been completed due to multi-seam working. The detailed description of concurrent reclamation plan is given in Mining Plan. Final Reclamation will be done after complete exhaustion of coal. However, afforestation measures are being taken in the leasehold area of Bera, Dobari, Kuya & Ghanoodih Colliery as detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afforestation over OB dumps/mined out degraded land: Till 2026-27 (after Stage I FC), afforestation done over 26.77 Ha. (Out of 26.77 Ha, afforestation over 9.70 Ha has been done through State Forest Department, Dhanbad and afforestation over 17.07 Ha has been done departmentally).

indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed.

- **Grassing:** Grass seeds are being broadcasted on Slopes of OB Dumps to minimize Soil Erosion. Details mentioned below:

FY	Name of project	Area (in Ha)
2019-20	Bera	2
2020-21	Bera	5
2021-22	Dobari	5
2022-23	Kuya	5
2023-24	Bera	3
2024-25	Dobari	5
2025-26	Kuya	5
2026-27	Kuya (proposed)	5

- **Avenue Plantation:** In addition to block plantation, avenue plantation has also been done by BCCL through State Forest Department. The details is as tabulated below:

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17 The user agency will implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy of the State Government.

Rehabilitation of people is being done under Jharia Master Plan'2008 which is approved by both Govt. of India as well as Govt. of Jharkhand. However, Jharia Master Plan is under process of revision.

18 The user agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and water bodies located within five

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De-siltation have been done in three ponds- Amtal village (02), Bastacolla (1).

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km from the mining lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/water bodies, whenever required.

De-silting of the village tanks and water bodies is being done as per requirement and request from local bodies. In addition, regular cleaning of jores /drains/ water bodies is being done during every monsoon. The details are as mentioned below:

Report on Drain/Jor/pond repairing and/or Cleaning		
Year	Name of Work	Value
2020-21	Cleaning and repairing of drain Murlinagar	2,04,556
	Cleaning ,collection and disposal of domestic waste, Drain garbage Bera colony	83,058
	Cleaning of drain and ash Kuya colliery	69,598.12
	Total	3,57,212
2021-22	NIL	
2022-23	Cleaning of Chatkari Jor Bera	46,628
	Cleaning of jal Kumbhi ROCP Chatkari Jor	1,31,423
	Cleaning of drain ROCP	1,05,738
	Cleeaning of pond near singh nagar	22,173
	Cleaning and repairing of drain in colony at Durga Mandir Kuya	1,61,869
	Total	4,67,831
2023-24	Cleaning repairing drain Victory colliery	1,66,985
	Cleaning repairing drain matkuria	1,16,764
	Cleaning of Tisra Jore Kuya	1,54,283
	Cleaning of drain no 2 Bastacolla colliery	1,61,772
	Repairing and cleannng of drain bera modal colony	1,79,645
	Cleaning of pond Singhnagar	20,589
	Repairing and cleannng of drain MOCP	2,18,038
	Cleaning of drain no 01 at bastacolla colliery	1,61,209
	TOTAL	11,79,285
2024-25	Cleaning of tisra jore at kuya	2,17,702
	TOTAL	2,17,702
2025-26	Cleaning of seasonal jores including Tisra, chatkari.	11,50,000
	TOTAL	11,50,000
2026-27	Cleaning of seasonal jores and drains in bastacolla area	15,32,614


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		TOTAL	15,32,614
		GRAND TOTAL	49,04,644.00
19	Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area shall also be applicable.	Agreed.	
20	The user agency shall submit the annual compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar regularly.	Being complied. Regular compliance is being submitted.	


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