



The Divisional Forest Officer
Seraikela Forest Division
Distt: Seraikela Kharsawan

PSD/PSK/1507/2023
Date: 08/07/2023

Sub: Proposal for laying of 33KV underground cable along the Adityapur-Kandra-Seraikela main road from 132/33KV Sub-Station in Tata Growth Shop, Gamharia to 33/11KV sub-station at Seraikela.

References: Your letter No. 1187 dtd. 03.07.2023

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter No. 1187 dtd. 03.07.2023 asking for clarification on point No.3. In view of the same please ignore our earlier submitted letter no. PSD/PSK/1491/2023 dtd. 04.07.2023 & please find the below response as appropriate:

Query No	Query of IRO, Ranchi	Reply of Tata Steel USIL
1.	User Agency has violated the Forest (Conservation) Act twice, by way of starting the work on ground, even before getting the required approval. This indicates that the violation has been done intentionally by the user agency.	The underground cable laying work was being done in the RoW corridor of the busy Kandra-Seraikela main road which was stopped immediately (on the same day) by the forest officials on 27.07.2019. The proposed cable will remain below ground after the work is over. NOC from Road Construction Department, Govt. of Jharkhand was received on 29.08.2018 and thereafter license deed (agreement) for 11 months was executed on 23.01.2019 for the cable laying work. Subsequently, the license deed was renewed on 22.06.2020 & 05.02.2022 respectively as the work is yet to start. It is humbly submitted that user agency has not done any violation deliberately or intentionally.
2	If administrative approval and technical sanction were accorded by the State Authority, what precautions did they indicated to check the violation? Why required clearances were not obtained before issue of work order or letter to proceed with work to the contractor? If no effort has been made by authorities to check the violation, then what action has been taken so far, against them?	We would like to humbly submit that NOC from Road Construction Department, Govt. of Jharkhand was received on 29.08.2018 and thereafter license deed (agreement) for 11 months was executed on 23.01.2019 for the cable laying work. Subsequently, the license deed was renewed on 22.06.2020 & 05.02.2022 respectively as the work is yet to start. Approval under FC Act was not sought and therefore no approval was granted by SFD. The forest department of Seraikela had noticed that the cable laying work was started at Nischintpur on 27.07.2019 and consequently they took the following actions: 1. The JCB hired by the user agency was seized on the same day (27.07.2019) and was confiscated by DFO Seraikela on 25.08.2020. 2. The forest department has filed criminal case (C.C No.484 of 2019) against three senior officers of Tata Steel USIL & the JCB owner under section 33 (c) & (d) of Indian Forest Act, 1927 read with Bihar Amendment Act 9 of 1990 for alleged violation at Nischintpur.

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Query No	Query of IRO, Ranchi	Reply of Tata Steel UISL
		<p>Forest department has filed another criminal case (C.C No. 674 of 2019) against only one officer of Tata Steel UISL under section 33 (c) & (d) of Indian Forest Act,1927 read with Bihar Amendment Act 9 of 1990 for alleged violation on 09.07.2019 at Gopinathpur mouza of Gamharia.</p> <p>Both the criminal cases are pending before the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Seraikela.</p>
3.	<p>The SFD, Jharkhand may submit a detailed report, indicating name and detail of the higher authorities involved in the violation by way of according administrative/technical approvals and issue of work orders/letter to proceed with work, without prior FC approval.</p>	<p>We would like to humbly submit that no authority has given any permission to start the work without prior FC approval. The work was started after receiving the approval from RCD and was stopped immediately on the same day i.e., 27.07.2019. Subsequently the state forest department filed a case under section 33 (c) & (d) of Indian Forest Act,1927 read with Bihar Amendment Act 9 of 1990 on 29.07.2019 against the above mentioned three senior officials of Tata Steel UISL.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Malay Kumar Panda, Dy. General Manager, Seraikela Power Services.2. Mr. Ritesh Gupta, Divisional Manager, EPC, PSD.3. Mr. K Manjunatha, Chief Manager, EPC, PSD. <p>Another criminal case was also filed on 18.10.2019 against below named officer of Tata Steel UISL under section 33 (c) & (d) of Indian Forest Act,1927 read with Bihar Amendment Act 9 of 1990 for alleged violation on 09.07.2019 at Gopinathpur mouza of Gamharia.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. K Manjunatha, Chief Manager, EPC, PSD. <p>The work was being done by Power Services Division of Tata Steel UISL which is headed by Sr. General Manager, Power Services Division.</p>

The proposal under consideration has been submitted by the user agency on 20.09.2019 under FC Act. We request you to kindly take this forward for necessary action and grant approval for stage-1 clearance.

Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,


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