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Letter No.:- 369

Date :- 10/02/2026

From,

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Divisional Forest Officer,  
Chatra South Forest Division.

To,

Project Officer,  
Amrapali OCP,  
Honhe, Tandwa, Dist-Chatra.

Subject:-

Demand letter for depositing levy for implementation of Site-Specific Soil Moisture Conservation Plan against non-forestry use of 120.61 Ha Chatra South Forest Division of forest land for Amrapali Railway Siding in favour of M/s CCL.

Ref:

Office order No-90 Dated-23-06-2025 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Jharkhand, Ranchi, F NO. FP/JH/RAIL/3650/2018-50 Dated-17.01.2024 and your letter no-2819 dated 30.01.2026

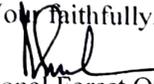
Sir,

Kindly refer the letter in the reference where in principle approval has been accorded to the captioned project subject to certain conditions.

- A. As per condition No.27 of the said letter,  
*"The User Agency should formulate & implement Soil Moisture Conservation plan around the area proposed for diversion which shall include top-soil management plan also under the supervision of Concerned DFO."*
- B. In compliance of the above-mentioned condition of stage-I approval a Site-Specific Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan was prepared by user agency and submitted before Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Jharkhand, Ranchi for approval of the same. The said plan has been approved vide office order no-90 dated- 23.06.2025 of PCCF, Jharkhand, Ranchi wherein, a provision **Rs 2805.19 Lacs** have been made for implementation of the plan against proposed activities.
- C. As per MoEF&CC guideline F No.FC-11/43/2021-FC dated 07 June 2022, User Agency has already deposited the lump sum amount (0.5% of project cost) i.e Rs **2.07** crores ( Two Crores & Seven Lakhs) towards Site-Specific Soil Moisture Conservation Plan.
- D. Therefore it is requested to deposit balance amount ie Rs. **25,98,19000.00** (Twenty-Five Crore Ninety-Eight Lac Nineteen thousand ) in CAMPA Account. The amount should be deposited to CAMPA Fund only through e-portal (<https://parivah.nic.in>) and copy of challan /receipt shall be sent to this office for records.

Sent for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
Divisional Forest Officer

Chatra South Forest Division, Chatra.



**Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests**

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Office order No. - 90 dated 23.06.2025

**Sanction Order of the Site-Specific Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan with reference to non-forestry use of 120.61 ha of forest land for Amrapali Railway Siding in favour of M/s Central Coal Fields Limited.**

The Instant Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan has been submitted by M/s Central Coal Fields Limited. (referred to as "the Use Agency") in pursuance of the following conditions laid by Regional Office, MoEF&CC, under Section 2(1) of condition no. 27 of In-Principle Stage-I approvals vide letter no. FP/JH/RAIL/3650/2018-50 dated 17.01.2024 for non-forestry use of 120.61 Ha of forest land for Amrapali Railway Siding in favour of M/s Central Coal Fields Limited.

The aforesaid Terms of Reference laid by the Central Government reads as follows:

**Condition no. 2(1) : Compensatory Afforestation;**

**Condition No. 27. :** *"The User Agency should formulate & implement Soil Moisture Conservation plan around the area proposed for diversion which shall include top-soil management plan also under the supervision of concerned DFO."*

2. It was informed by the User Agency that in compliance of the above-mentioned conditions, the integrated Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan has been prepared in consultation with the forest officials including DFO, Chatra South Forest Division, Conservator of Forest (CF) Territorial Circle Chatra and Regional Chief Conservator of Forest (RCCF), Hazaribagh.

3. The Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Hazaribagh has submitted the Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan vide his office letter no. 1250, dated 10.07.2024.

4. In order to examine the plan. The presentation was made by the project proponent on 13.08.2024. After discussion the following points were observed-

- i. The impact area of the project falls in the villages of Hazaribagh West, Chatra South and Latehar Forest Divisions whereas the villages in Chatra South Forest Division only have been included. It was discussed and decided that the villages falling under Hazaribagh West and Latehar Forest Divisions also need to be included so as to cover the total impact area.
- ii. The Plan lacks in site-specific technical parameters and locational details of all the proposed interventions. In view of the detailed discussions, it was decided to incorporate site-specific technical details in the Plan document.
- iii. Adequate measures regarding Capacity Building for Frontline Forest Staff are essential for proper mitigation measures and their implementation. These measures need to be included in the Plan.
- iv. Awareness Development Programme need to be further elaborated and duly modified.
- v. Components of alternative livelihoods needs to be included in the Plan.
- vi. Joint Forest Management (JFM) Committees have an important role in the decided that all JFM Committees falling within the impact area may be included and unit cost in the proposed budget estimates for

them may be suitably enhanced so as to have a meaningful capacity building of the stakeholders.

5. A revised Plan has been prepared by the User Agency in consultation with DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division and DFO, Latehar Forest Division.

6. In the above stated background, the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, (RCCF), Hazaribagh vide his office letter no. 762 dated 23.04.2025 and Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, (RCCF), Palamau (Medininagar) vide his office letter no. 2064 dated 31.12.2024 submitted the Plans to office of the undersigned for consideration and sanction.

7. In order to examine again the plan prescriptions, a communication was issued to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests (RCCF), Hazaribagh, and RCCF, Palamau (Medininagar), Conservator of Forest (CF), Territorial Circle, Hazaribagh/Chatra and Palamau (Medininagar), DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division, Chatra Forest Division and Latehar Forest Division and User agency, vide this office letter no. 1185 dated 15.05.2025 and letter no. 1197 dated 19.05.2025 to arrange a Presentation of the plan in meeting scheduled on 22.05.2025 in the conference hall of the undersigned. The presentation was made by the Project proponent in the presence of Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Hazaribagh and RCCF, Palamau (Medininagar), Divisional Forest Officer, Hazaribagh West Division and DFO Latehar Forest Division. Shri N.K. Singh Retired PCCF Wildlife-Cum-Representative of User Agency, Shri A.K.B. Singh, GM (OP) Amrapali, Shri V.K. Pandey, ECO Consultant Services, Lukhnow and Shri Om Prakash Ranjan, Manager (Eng) Amrapali-Chandragupt CCL for preparing were also present during the presentation.

8. After deliberation on various provisions of the proposed Plan and the presentation, it was observed:

- i. The impact area of the mining project falls in the total 97 villages of Hazaribagh West Division (35 Villages), Chatra South Forest Division (50 Villages) and Latehar Forest Division. (12 Villages)

- ii. The project impact area is spread over 10 kilometer radius from the project Area. Due to coal mining and allied activities carried out in the project area will have adverse effect in this zone. This area comprises of total 97 villages, 50 villages of them are falling in Chatra District and Tandwa Forest Range while the 35 Villages falls under geographical boundary of Hazaribagh West Division and 12 Villages falls within Latehar Forest Division.

9. The cost of the proposed 10-year Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan with respect to the activities to be carried out by DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division, Chatra South Forest Division and DFO, Latehar Forest Division have been estimated to be Rs. 2805.19 lakh only. The summary of the proposed interventions (component wise activities) under the Plan is as follows:-

**The Proposed financial projection under the Plan may be summarized in the following table- (Division Wise)**

Sl. No	Activity Head	Hazaribagh West Forest Division (Rs. In Lakh)	Chatra South Forest Division (Rs. In Lakh)	Latehar Forest Division (Rs. In Lakh)	Total (Rs. In Lakh)
1.	Vegetative Control of Soil and Water Erosion	320.14	461.875	277.01	1059.025
2.	Improvement of Water regime and its Maintenance	94.92	360.05	315.30	770.27
3.	Eco Development Activities	30	245.37	21.00	296.37
4.	Miscellaneous Activities	97	110.00	05.00	212.00
	Sub-total	542.06	1177.295	618.31	618.31
	Escalation cost @20%	108.412	235.459	123.662	2337.665
	<b>Grand Total Cost</b>	<b>650.47</b>	<b>1412.75</b>	<b>741.97</b>	<b>2805.19</b>

Cost to the User Agency towards implementation of the SMC Plan is Rs. 2805.19 Lakh.

10. The Plan with a total financial outlay of **Rs. 2805.19 Lakh** extends over a period of 10 years and shall be utilized by the Forest Department through the DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division and DFO, Chatra South Forest Division and Latehar Forest Division in accordance with the Plan prescriptions.

11. Considering the proposals under the plan submitted by the User Agency and recommendation of the concerned forest officers, sanction is hereby accorded to the instant Plan subject to the following conditions:

- (i) That the User Agency shall ensure that its officials/contractors and the work force engaged into mining and allied operations under the Project shall not commit or abet any forest/wildlife offence in their area of operation. They will also promptly report any forest/wildlife offence in the area to the nearest forest office/official. Further, they will extend their full cooperation to the forest officials in control/mitigation of any incident, natural or man-made, determined to forest and wildlife in their area of operation.
- (ii) That the total amount of **Rs. 2805.19 Lakh (Rupees Eighty eight crore five lakh and nineteen thousand only)** shall be deposited by the User Agency into CAMPA account under the relevant head/sub-head and shall be utilized by the State Forest Department through the DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division and DFO, Chatra South Forest Division and DFO, Latehar Forest Division as delineated under the Plan, strictly in accordance with the prevailing norms under the Jharkhand Forest Department.
- (iii) That as regards the funds earmarked against activities to be undertaken by the State Forest Department, the DFO, Hazaribagh

West Forest Division and DFO, Chatra South Forest Division and Latehar Forest Division shall prepare a detailed Annual Plan of Operations (APO) in the beginning of every financial year in respect of the instant Plan following all the rules, regulations, Schedule of Rates etc. issued from time to time by the State Government/Forest Department. Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Hazaribagh/RCCF Palamua Medininagar shall supervise & closely monitor the progress of the activities undertaken by DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division and DFO, Chatra South Forest Division and Latehar Forest Division as per the approved APO & funds released under CAMPA.

- (iv) That the Conservator of Forests, Hazaribagh, Palamau (Medininagar) and Chatra Circle shall supervise all the activities as per directions issued by the Forest Department from time to time.
- (v) That the DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division, DFO, Latehar Forest Division and DFO, Chatra South Forest Division shall carry out the activities under the Plan strictly as per the duly sanctioned APO.
- (vi) That all above the DFOs shall ensure that no violation of duly sanctioned Working Plans of their Forest Divisions takes place during implementation of any of the activities involved in this plan over notified and demarcated forest land.
- (vii) That the instant Plan is dynamic and be revisited after 05 years to assess its compatibility with mining and its concurrent reclamation activities and a revised Plan be formulated as per requirement.
- (viii) That though adequate provisions have been made towards cost escalation in the plan viz. increase in wage rate/material cost etc., yet the User Agency shall submit an undertaking to the Divisional Forest Officer, DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division, DFO, Latehar and DFO, Chatra South Forest Division to the effect that they will deposit extra cost of the plan beyond the cost escalation provision

owning to increase in wage rate etc. in due course of time as well as consequent upon revision in the plan, if any, as and when given effect to by the competent authority.

Sd/-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Jharkhand, Ranchi

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Copy forwarded to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi, Harmu Housing Colony, Ranchi [email: [ro.ranchi-mef@gov.in](mailto:ro.ranchi-mef@gov.in)] / Principal Chief Conservator of Forest-cum-Executive Director, Waste Land Development Board, Jharkhand, Ranchi / Additional PCCF, CAMPA along with a copy of the Plan, for information and necessary action.

Sd/-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Jharkhand, Ranchi

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Copy forwarded to Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Hazaribagh/ Regional Chief Conservator of Forest, Palamau (Medininagar)/ Conservator of Forest, Territorial Circle, Hazaribagh/ Conservator of Forest, Territorial Circle, Chatra/ Conservator of Forest, Territorial Circle, Palamau / DFO, Hazaribagh West Forest Division/DFO, Chatra South Forest Division and DFO, Latehar Forest Division for information and necessary action.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Jharkhand, Ranchi

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