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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Jharkhand,
Ranchi.

Subject: Diversion of 1026.438 ha of forest land for coal mining Pakribarwadih Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. in Hazaribag West Forest Division in Hazaribag District of Jharkhand –reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand letter No. Van Bhumi-75/2009-3376 dated 23.08.2024 on the above mentioned subject furnishing their comments with regard to the representation for modification in conditions of Stage-II approval of the subject cited proposal and other related matters and inform that the representation was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.08.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

In this regard, keeping in view the facts of the proposal and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee it has been decided that:

- i. The condition no. 8 in the Stage-II approval issued vide Ministry's letter dated 17.09.2010 for diversion of 1026.438 ha of forest land for coal mining Pakribarwadih Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. in Hazaribag West Forest Division in Hazaribag District of Jharkhand is modified as under:

'The user agency shall restore and conserve the Khorra Nalla (west) and Pakwa Nalla (east) watersheds on priority basis under supervision of the forest department and expert hydrologists/agencies and develop their watershed status as per the Survey of India toposheet no. 73 E/I. A greenbelt of 50 meters on either side of both Khorra Nala and Pakwa Nala shall be maintained'.

- ii. Further, in total disregard to the conditions of approval the user agency has mined out the area and changed the course of the Dumuhani nala, which was actually required to be protected and maintained as green belt. Keeping this in view, it has been decided to continue with the penalty imposed for violation committed over the forest area (1026.438 ha) without approval equal to five

times the normal NPV plus simple interest of 12% from the date of actual violation committed till the deposition of penalty.

- iii. The condition no. (x) of Stage-I approval issued vide Ministry's letter dated 26.05.2023 for Pakri Barwadih (North-West) (331.198 ha) proposal is waived off.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 01-10-2024 11:53:31

(Suneet Bhardwaj)
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4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.