

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

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Dated:01-10-2024

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 277.15 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited (CCL) for Rajrappa Open Cast Coal Mining Project in Bokaro Forest Division, District Bokaro in the State of Jharkhand – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-21/2013-795/V.P. dated 06.03.2024 on the above mentioned subject regarding the change in the CA areas. The proposal 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.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government & on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and with due approval of the Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the approval of the Central Government is hereby granted to change the CA sites on 84 ha out of 554.30 ha of earlier approved area and for raising the same on alternative degraded forest land sites identified in case of Rajrappa Opencast Coal Mining project subject to following conditions:

- i. Compensatory Afforestation is crucial for maintaining ecological stability. Therefore, the balance CA must be carried out within stipulated time frame positively. This is required for maintaining a green and healthy environment in the State of Jharkhand.

In view of above, it is requested to comply with the conditions as indicated above. Further, the State Government shall abide by all the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 03.09.2020 .

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 01-10-2024 12:09:34

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
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