

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

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**Dated: 28th October, 2022**

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)  
Government of Jharkhand  
Ranchi

**Sub: Diversion of 1026.438 ha of forest land for coal mining Pakribarwadih Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. Hazaribagh West Forest Division in Hazaribagh District of Jharkhand.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-75/2009-1915 V.P. dated 08.07.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal was examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 21.09.2022. The Minutes of the FAC meeting may be accessed at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). The Committee, after detailed deliberations on the alleged violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 recommended to constitute a Sub-Committee of the FAC to visit the area to look into the hydrological regime of the area vis-à-vis mining operations of the user agency in general and Dumuhani nallah in particular and changes brought in by the user agency and its impact on the ecology of the area.

2. The Committee also desired that the IRO, Ranchi and State Government will expedite submission of information as sought by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 14.09.2022 within a fortnight from the date of issue of the minutes of the meeting.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information/ documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi **with a request to expedite submission of information, as per**

**recommendation of FAC.**

3. The Addl. PCCF–cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.