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दिनांक: 11/01/2022

सेवा में,

वैज्ञानिक 'डी' (एफ०सी०प्रभाग)

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

इंदिरा पर्यावरण भवन, अलीगंज,

जोर बाग रोड, नई दिल्ली – 110003

विषय :- स्थल निरीक्षण प्रतिवेदन - मेसर्स सी.सी.एल. के नया प्रस्ताव के०डी०एच० परियोजन हेतु 126.72 हे० वन भूमि (84.35 हे० अधिसूचित वनभूमि तथा 42.37 हे० गैर मजरुआ जंगल झाड़ी वनभूमि) अपयोजन के प्रस्ताव के सम्बन्ध में।

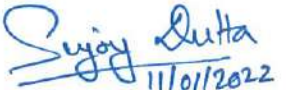
संदर्भ:- आपका पत्र संख्या 8/62/2018-FC दिनांक 14.12.2021

महाशय,

निदेशानुसार उपरोक्त वर्णित प्रस्ताव के सम्बन्ध में वांछित "स्थल निरीक्षण प्रतिवेदन-"SIR" इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न है।

अनु: यथोक्त

विश्वासभाजन

  
11/01/2022  
(सुजय दत्ता)

तकनीकी पदाधिकारी (वानिकी)

## **Site Inspection Report**

**Done by IRO (MoEF&CC) Ranchi Towards : FP/JH/MIN/8374/2014**

A Proposal (bearing Online Proposal No. : FP/JH/MIN/8374/2014) under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for diversion of 126.72 ha of forest land for KD HESALONG OCP MINE in favour of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Ranchi Forest Division and District, Jharkhand is being examined by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi. In process few additional documents were requested by the ministry vide its letter dated 22/8/2019 (Annex-1) from the state government. Even after several reminders since then, the reply to the query is still awaited. In this context, the ministry in its letter No.8/62/2018-FC dated 14/12/2021 (Annex-2) has asked this office to conduct a site inspection of the area to ascertain the factual position, including violation of FC Act, if any, committed in the area proposed for diversion and submit a report to the Ministry.

Accordingly site inspection to the area was done on 24/12/2021 by the team from IRO Ranchi comprising of Shashi Shankar AIGF (C), Shri Sujoy Dutta, Technical Officer (Forestry) and Dr. Surajit Panda, Sr. Technical Associate (GIS, DSS). During the site visit following officials were present:

- Shri A.K Dubey, DFO, Ranchi Forest Division
- Shri K K Jha, General Manager NK Area, CCL
- Shri Surendra Kumar, Eurmu Range Officer, Ranchi F D
- Md. Akram, Chief Project Manager (Mines) KDH, CCL
- Shri Nishank Prakash, Dy. Manager (Env), CCL.

### **Observations:**

The extant proposal is for diversion of 126.72 Ha of Forest Land in lease area of 710.7 Ha where mining operations are in progress in few other patches. The area is depicted in the satellite imagery (Annex-3).

The forest area proposed for diversion is comprised of 84.35Ha of Notified Forests and 42.37Ha of GMJJ (Gair Majorua Jungle Jhaadi) and is shown in Annex-4.

1. During Site Visit it is observed that under Bishrampur Mouza some portion of the forest land, which are applied for diversion under section-2 of FC Act, 1980, is completely dig-out and in some portion, only top soil is dig-out (Annex-5). The complete dig-out area is adjacent to the existing quarry/ pit area which belongs to

non forest land. On enquiry, the representatives of CCL informed that because exposed coal seams in some adjacent portions of the proposed forest land for diversion in Karkatta and Bishrampur Mouza caught fire and coal seams of the underground started burning, therefore to avoid the possibility forest fire and wastage of vital coal resources, in national interest they have dug-out this area after taking permission from the concerned DFO. The request made by CCL and the permission letter issued by DFO for the effect are attached here as Annex-6. The DFO, Ranchi Forest Division vide letter No.5265 dated 18.12.2017 had permitted the Project Proponent for digging-out in Karkatta Mouza (500 m x 70 m i.e. 3.5 ha forest land including GMJJ land) and Bishrampur Mouza (550 m x 90 m i.e. 4.95 ha) to stop the spreading out fires of underground coal seams through. During site visit, it was observed that heat waves and smoke was gushing out from the some portion of the said forest land.

2. Further, from the data acquired during site inspection and on basis of it, as per Google Earth Image and submitted kml file of the 126.72 ha forest land proposed for diversion, it appears that project proponent had already broken up the forest land in 3 patches in Bishrampur Mouza (approx 6.77 ha) and some portion of GKJJ land in Karkatta Mouza (approx 3.74 ha). Approximately, 10.51 ha are already broken up by the Project Proponent without Forest Clearance under F(C) Act, 1980. These area are shown on the google earth imagery as Annex-7. Although, the concerned DFO has given permission for dig-out over 8.45 ha forest land without any intimation to the Ministry under the request made by CCL citing national interest.
3. During inspection, it also came to the knowledge of the Inspection Team that the Project Proponent vide letter No.KDH/Safety/PO/2021/56 dated 1.06.2021 again has applied for dig-out over 4 ha (400 m x 100 m) forest land under Bishrampur Mouza to protect the fire spreading under the forest land, which is forwarded to the Nodal Officer (FC), Jharkhand by DFO, Ranchi Forest Division and is pending with Nodal Officer. This practice of CCL trying to get incompetent permissions for mining on regular basis in garb of national interest appeared unwarranted in a situation when Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry is located in the vicinity at Ranchi.
4. Further, during the site-inspection proper demarcation (pillars etc.) of the fresh forest land (126.72 ha) which is applied for diversion is not found during the site visit.
5. It is submitted that the Project Proponent vides letter No.PO(KDH)/2021-22/Env/53 dated 8.7.2021 has submitted the interim reply in respect to the observations made by FAC and communicated by the Ministry vide letter No.8-62/2018-FC dated 22.08.2019 and copy of the said is submitted in IRO, MoEF&CC, Ranchi on 9.08.2021. Presently, some query raised by the DFO, Ranchi Forest Division over the submitted reply by the Project Proponent.

6. The officials present on behalf of Project Proponent informed that 154 ha forest land, where mining was completed and the pits were refilled, is already technically as well as biologically reclaimed and area is under plantation. The site was visited by the team and growing dense vegetation is observed (Annex-8). Plantation is covered by the bamboo and some other local native species. However, the reclaimed forest area is not surrendered by the Project Proponent to the Forest Division.

Encl: (Annex-1 to 8)



(Shashi Shankar)  
AIGF (Central)

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**F. No. 8-62/2018-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.  
Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 126.72 ha (84.35 ha PF and 42.37 ha Jungle Jhari) of forest land for KDH Open Cast Mine in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Ranchi District, Jharkhand.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. Van Bhumi-06/2017/3422/V.P. dated 13.08.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 may kindly be accessed on the website of this Ministry ([www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)).

The FAC, after thorough deliberations on the proposal and also taking note of the various facts of the proposal inter-alia recommended obtaining following information from the State Government:

- (i) State Government shall attach necessary certificate that the area is free from encroachments and encumbrances.
- (ii) State Government shall submit necessary certificate to confirm whether the site selected for compensatory afforestation is important from Religious/Archaeological point of view or not.
- (iii) Status of safety zone may be clarified by state Government.
- (iv) Cost benefit ratio shall be calculated as per MoEF&CC guidelines dated 1.08.2017.
- (v) State Government shall provide details about the gap/shortfall observed in the process of reclamation of the mined area by CCL in other mines within the state.
- (vi) State Government shall furnish status of the areas for which, as reported, there are approvals of forest area obtained in 1996 and 2009.
- (vii) State Government may further clarify if the user agency had paid NPV for entire forest area within the project/lease area as per different guidelines of MoEF&CC or not.
- (viii) State Government shall prepare a comprehensive proposal for diversion of entire forest land under the provisions of FCA 1980 within the project /lease area

In view of the above, I am directed to request the Ministry of Mines, Government of India to submit their comments, as per the observation of FAC, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.


Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 22.08.19

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Copy to:-**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell (Forest Conservation Division).
6. Guard File.

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 22.08.19  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
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New Delhi - 110003

**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

To

Regional Officer  
Govt. of India  
MoEF&CC's Integrated Regional Office  
Ranchi

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 126.72 ha (84.35 ha PF and 42.37 ha Jungle Jhari) of forest land for KDH Open Cast Mine in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Ranchi District, Jharkhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/8374/2014)**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-06/2017-3422/V.P. dated 13.08.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the Ministry vide letter dated 22.08.2019, had requested the State Government to submit the information as per observations of Forest Advisory Committee. Pending receipt of requisite information, the State Government was reminded on 9.06.2020 and 10.06.2021 to submit the information. The Secretary, EF&CC vide DO dated 5.08.2020 also requested the Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand to submit the desired information. However, requisite information is still awaited from the State.

2. The matter has been reviewed in the Ministry and keeping in view non-submission of information by the State even after lapse of a period of almost two years, it was desired that a site inspection of the area may be conducted by the IRO, Ranchi to ascertain the factual position, including violation of FC Act, if any, committed in the area proposed for diversion and submit a report to the Ministry within a period of two weeks for further necessary action in the matter.

**Yours faithfully,**  
**Sd/-**  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
**Scientist 'D'**

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, GoI, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
3. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
4. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

Signed by Charan Jeet  
Singh  
Date: 14-12-2021 09:57:46  
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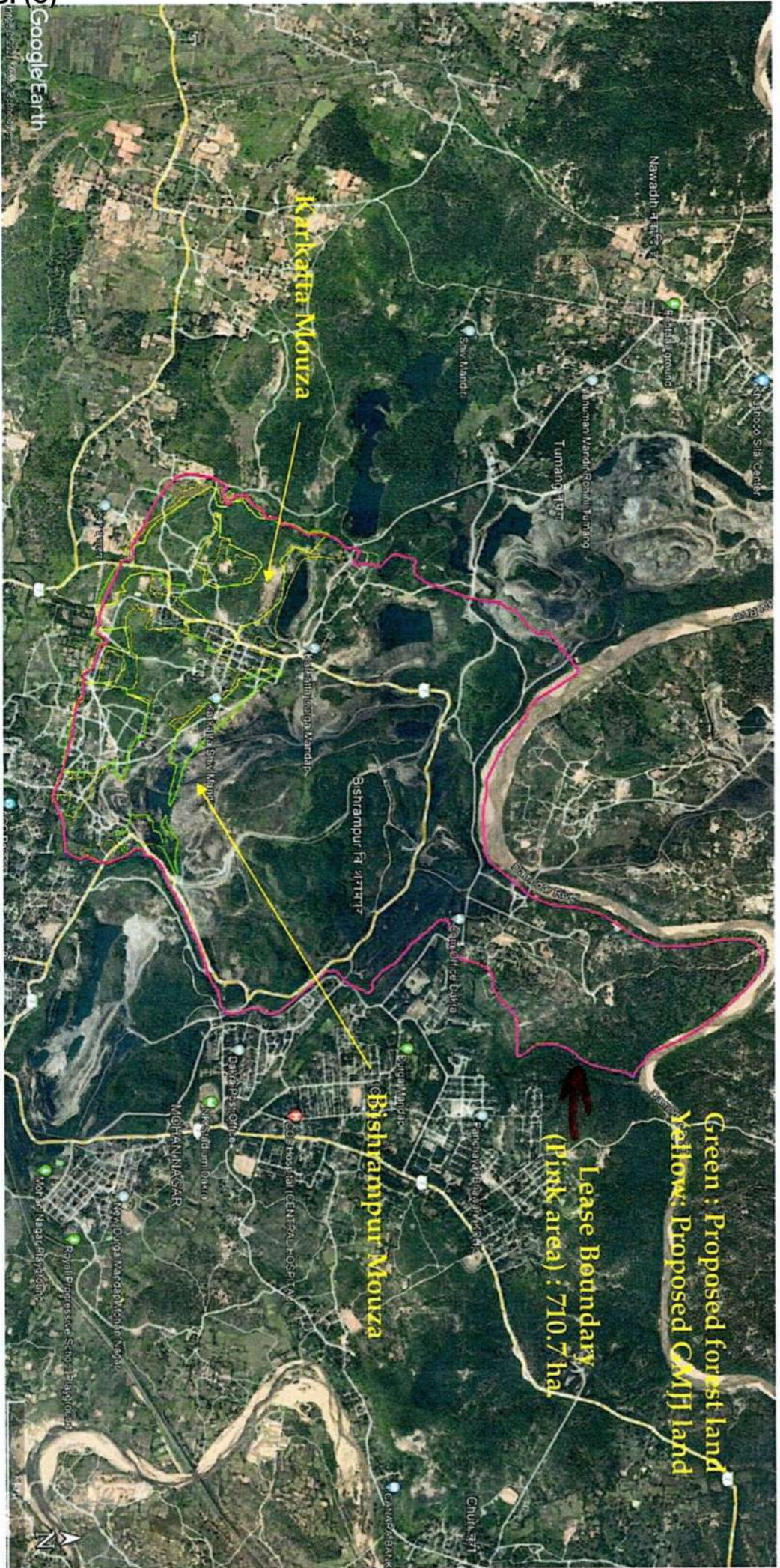
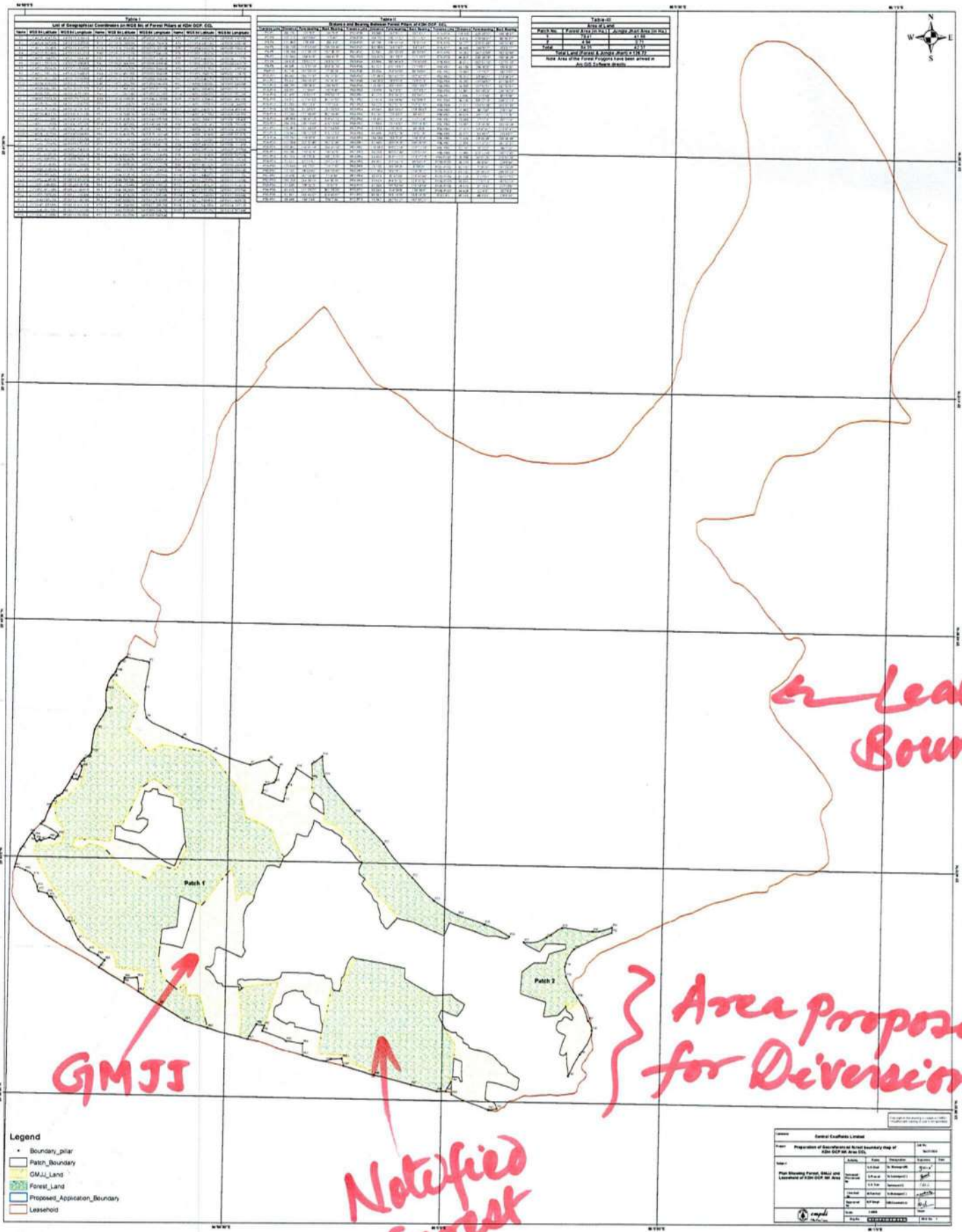


Fig. 1: A synoptic view of proposed area (Dated: 26.10.2020).

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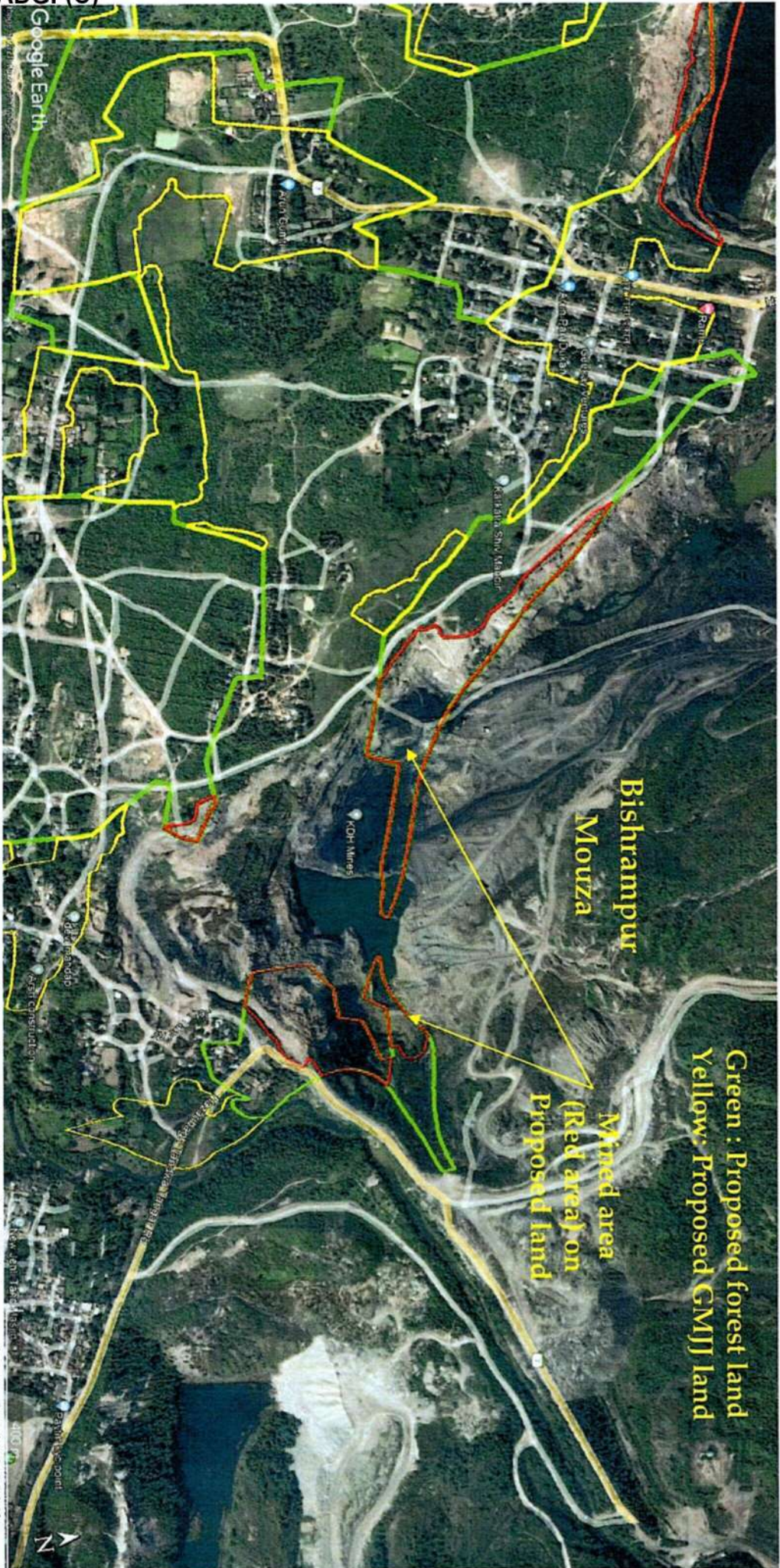


Fig. 2: A synoptic view of the Block B (Bishrampur) of proposed area and violation area (Red polygon) on Google Earth Image (Dated: 26.10.2020).

Annex-5



Photograph 1: Field photograph (23.66238209 N, 85.00414951 E)



Photograph 2: Field photograph (23.66238209 N, 85.00414951 E)



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## आदेश

विषय :- करकट्टा एवं विश्रामपुर मौजा के वन भूमि क्षेत्र में कोयले के सीम में लगी आग को काबू पाने के संबंध में।

प्रसंग :- पत्रांक- 1. के0डी0एच0/प0प0/फोरेस्ट/119 दिनांक 04.12.2017.  
2. के0डी0एच0/पी0ओ0/फोरेस्ट/17-18/111 दिनांक 30.10.2017.  
3. पी0 ओ0/के0डी0एच0/फोरेस्ट/17-18/166 दिनांक 09.11.2017.

परियोजना पदाधिकारी, के0डी0एच0 परियोजना के द्वारा सूचित किया गया है कि वर्तमान में के0डी0एच0 परियोजना विस्तारीकरण क्षेत्र अधिनस्थ करकट्टा एवं विश्रामपुर मौजा के अंतर्गत वन भूमि क्षेत्र में जमीनी सतह के नीचे कोयले के सीम में आग लग गई है, जो काफी तेजी से बढ़ रही है। त्वरित कार्यवाई नहीं होने से भयावह स्थिति उत्पन्न हो सकती है। इस विषय पर स्थानीय सामाचार पत्रों में भी खबरे प्रकाशित हो रही है। तत्काल आग पर काबू नहीं पाया गया तो यह भयावह रूप ले सकता है। राष्ट्रीय सम्पत्ति को बचाने एवं विषय की गंभीरता को देखते हुए आग पर तुरन्त काबू पाना आवश्यक है नहीं तो यह विकराल रूप ले लेगा एवं राष्ट्रीय सम्पत्ति की भी हानी होगी। यह क्षेत्र सी0सी0एल0 के Lease hold area में अवस्थित है तथा Forest Clearance Stage-I का प्रस्ताव समर्पित किया गया है। करकट्टा मौजा के अंतर्गत यह भूमि में 2.5 हे0 जंगल झाड़ी एवं 1 हे0 वनभूमि तथा विश्रामपुर मौजा में कुल रकबा वनभूमि है। इसके लिए अंचलाधिकासी-खलारी द्वारा अनुशंसा की गई है तथा वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी के द्वारा भी स्थलीय जाँच कर अनुशंसा की गई है।

अतः राष्ट्र हित में विषय की गंभीरता को देखते हुए भारत सरकार के पत्रांक F.No.11-306/2014-FC दिनांक 07.10.2014 एवं झारखण्ड सरकार की अधिसूचना सं0 वनभूमि (विविध)-10/2014-3209 दिनांक 17.04.2015 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का उपयोग करते हुए सी0सी0एल0 को आग बुझाने हेतु निम्नलिखित की अनुमति दी जाती है।

1. करकट्टा मौजा में 70 मी0 चौड़ाई एवं 500 मी0 लम्बाई में Dig-out कर आग बुझाना।
2. विश्रामपुर मौजा में 90 मी0 चौड़ाई एवं 550 मी0 लम्बाई में Dig-out कर आग बुझाना।

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वन संरक्षक/वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी,  
राँची वन प्रमण्डल, राँची।

ज्ञापांक :- 5265

दिनांक :- 18.12.17

प्रतिलिपि :- 1. वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी, बुढमू वन क्षेत्र, माण्डर

2. परियोजना पदाधिकारी, के0डी0एच0 परियोजना, एन0के0 एरिया डकरा को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाई हेतु प्रेषित।

वन संरक्षक/वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी,  
राँची वन प्रमण्डल, राँची।



Annex-8



Photograph 3: Field photograph of plantation area



Photograph 4: Field photograph of plantation area

Annex-8



Photograph 5: Field photograph of plantation area



Photograph 6: Field photograph of plantation area