

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

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New Delhi – 110 003

Dated: 3rd November, 2022

To

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

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 277.15 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited for Rajrappa Open Cast Coal Mining Project in Bokaro Forest Division, District Bokaro (Jharkhand) –reg.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter Government of Jharkhand vide their letter No. Van Bhumi-21/2013/2626/V.P. dated 07.09.2022 forwarding compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 03.09.2020 and to say that after examination of the compliance report revealed the following:

- i. NA, CAMPA vide their letter no. NA-1/45/2020-NA dated 30.09.2022 (**copy enclosed**) informed that the remittance of Rs. 17,34,95,900.00 has not been received in the account maintained in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund-Jharkhand. Complete details of the said transaction may be provided.
- iii. In compliance to condition no. (viii) of Stage-I approval, detail of reclamation plan has been submitted, indicating 425 ha as reclaimed land, while schedule for surrendering reclaimed lands to the State Forest Department in a phased manner as envisaged in this condition has not been submitted along with the compliance.
- iv. In compliance to provisions of condition no. (ix), a study on improvement of biological rehabilitation has been assigned to Institute of Forest Productivity (ICFRE) Ranchi. The said report concludes that more emphasis should be given on the plantation on slopes along with similar other recommendations. Based on the conclusions and recommendation made in the study, roadmap, if any, prepared by the user agency for undertaking improved reclamation of the mined out area may be intimated by the State.
- v. Differential GPS maps and sample photographs, stated to be submitted in compliance of condition no (xi)(a) of Stage-I approval, have not been received along with the compliance. KML files indicating the safety zone vis-à-vis boundary of the mining lease needs to be submitted by the State.
- vi. Detail of degraded forest land proposed for afforestation to the extent of 1.5 times the area of earmarked for safety zone needs to be provided by the State supported with afforestation scheme and KML/shape file.
- vii. In compliance to condition no. (xiii) (a), the user agency has submitted a copy

of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan to prevent choking of Damodar River involving financial provisions of Rs. 1.45 cores. It seems the user agency has proposed implementation of the said plan within their lease area only. Therefore, the State Government may submit its comments on the efficacy of the said plan to check choking of the stream. Similarly, copies of schemes/plans, if any, prepared by the user agency in compliance to condition no. (xiii)(b), (xiii)(c), (xiii)(d) and (xiii)(e) may be intimated by the State.

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

Yours faithfully

Signed by Charan Jeet
Singh

Date: 03-11-2022 15:00:26

Reason: Approved

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell (Forest Conservation Division).
6. Guard File.


F. No.NA-1/45/2020-NA
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Dated the 30th September, 2022

Office Memorandum

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 277.15 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited for Rajrappa Open Cast Coal Mining Project in Bokaro Forest Division, District Bokaro (Jharkhand)-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to your OM No.8-21/2015-FC dated 26.09.2022 on the subject mentioned above and to inform that the Union Bank of India, Lodhi Complex has informed that the remittance of Rs.17,34,95,900.00 has not been received in the account maintained in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Jharkhand. Therefore, no report in the matter can be furnished until the position is reconciled.



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To

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