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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: Proposal for seeking Ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Diversion of 126.974 (revised) (earlier proposed area:163.5868 ha) forest land in favour of M/s Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited (JUSNL) for construction of 400 KV D/C Patratu-Latehar Transmission line under Latehar, Ramgarh and Ranchi Forest Divisions in Latehar, Ramgarh and Ranchi districts of Jharkhand State (FP/JH/TRANS/32955/2018).

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to Government of Jharkhand letter No.Van Bhumi-05/2020-4312/Va.Pa. dated 12.12.2025 addressed to Regional Office, Ranchi on the above mentioned subject. In this context, the proposal has been examined in the Ministry. The observations of the Ministry on the proposal are as follows:-

1. The instant proposal is for more than 100 Ha. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to submit the Site Inspection Report of the Nodal Officer as per the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
2. As per the Para 10.4 of the Chapter-10 issued under the consolidated Handbook of Guidelines and clarifications issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules-2023, it needs clarification whether the user agency has obtained NoC from various linear forest land owned agency. The copies of the same shall be submitted.
3. Detailed violation report and the action taken by the State Forest Department to stop the work in the forest land needs submission. Further, the State Govt. shall submit the present status of court case/ action taken against the Govt. Official under 3A & 3B of Van Adhiniyam, 1980 indicating details chronology of the events for allowing use of forest land without permission.
4. The DFO, Ranchi in their Part-II reported that the forest area under Violation as 0.25 ha and period of violation mentioned as 9.5 years and further informed that the वनपाल / वनरक्षी द्वारा माह अगस्त 2025 में ही वन वाद दर्ज किया गया है। Therefore, the reason behind such delayed action on the violation needs justification.

5. The DFO, Latehar Forest Division in Part-II of the proposal reported that the presence of rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. However, the details in this regard has not mentioned in the proposal. This needs justification.

6. The recommendation of CF, Daltonganj Circle has not been found uploaded on PARIVESH. The State Government shall upload the recommendation of CF, Daltonganj Circle on PARIVESH.

7. As per the DSS analysis, following has been observed:-

(i) The KML file of Forest land proposed for diversion is found 123.63 ha instead of 126.974 ha as per the proposal. Therefore, correct KML file of the proposed forest land shall be uploaded.

(ii) It is observed that in the Ramgarh Forest Division, total 29.41 ha degraded forest land have been proposed for CA but the KML file has been uploaded for an area of 13.39 ha. Therefore, complete KML file of the proposed CA land under Ramgarh Forest Division shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.

(iii) As per the DSS analysis , the proposed CA land is having encroachment of Agriculture land and in one CA patch, the plantation work is already visible. The State shall offer their comments in this regard.

After receipt of the above information, the proposal will be further examined in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Prashant Rajagopal)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.