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

> Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bag Road, New Delhi - 110003.

Dated: 01.12. 2022

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

Sub: Proposal involving non-forestry use of 10.24 ha of forest land in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. for construction of Ash dyke and water reservoir in Tandwa Block, of District Chatra (Jharkhand) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Vanbhumi-19/2021-3640 V.P. dated 22.12.2021 on above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and letter No. Vanbhumi-19/2021-1779-V.P. dated 24.06.2022 forwarding additional information as sought by the Ministry vide its letter dated 31.01.2022 and to say that the above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 07.11.2022. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 07.11.2022 is placed on the website of this Ministry: *www.parivesh.nic.in*.

Based on the recommendation of FAC and approval of the same by the competent authority, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government has decided not to accede to the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to inform the user agency accordingly.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-(Charan Jeet Singh) Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
- 4. User Agency
- 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
- 6. Guard file