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To

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

**Sub: Modification in condition of Stage-I approval dated 20.09.2010 of change in CA land from Non-forest land to degraded forest land - Proposal for non-forestry use of 150.49 ha of forest land in favour of M/s NTPC Limited (Originally approval in favour of M/s Tenughat Emta Coal Mines Limited) for Badam Coal Mining Project in Hazaribagh District in the State of Jharkhand- reg.**

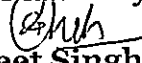
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. 3/Van Bhuni-44/2008-2545 V.P. dated 01.09.2022 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 discussion and deliberation on the proposal, took a serious note of the tendency of the user agency to avert the conditions on which forest land was transferred to the user agency and recommended raising of CA as stipulated in the Stage-I approval as the user agency was aware of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval, and had also given an undertaking to abide by these conditions while seeking transfer of approval.

Based on the recommendation of the FAC and approval of the same by the competent authority of the Ministry, the Central Government conveys the following:

- i. CA should be raised as per the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 20.09.2010 and compliance of all other conditions will be ensured by the user agency.
- ii. To check the tendencies among various user agencies to avoid compliance of the conditions prescribed in Stage I FC approval after having given an undertaking that they shall abide by such conditions in other similarly placed cases, the action proposed in the extant case, as indicated in the above para, shall be *mutatis mutandis* applicable.

Yours faithfully,

  
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