

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 331.198 ha of forest land in favour of M/s NTPC Limited for Pakribarwadih (North West) Opencast Coal Mining Project in West Forest Division, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) –regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-10/2021-4871/V.P. dated 23.12.2024 on above mentioned subject forwarding point-wise compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 26.05.2023 and to say that after examination of the compliance report, the following shortcomings has been observed:

- i. In compliance of condition no. (iii) of Stage-I approval, the drone Survey data generation on spatial and seasonal status of Khorra Nala & Pakwa Nala watersheds shall be shared with Regional Office, Ranchi for reference and records.
- ii. In compliance of condition no. (iv) of Stage-I approval, the study report of river-aquifer interaction using non-invasive geo-physical technique in 10 km radius of NTPC Pakri Barwadih Coal mine site has not been submitted and same needs submission.
- iii. In compliance of condition no. (v) of Stage-I approval, the study report for Reclamation, Eco restoration, and Conservation Plan has not been submitted and same needs submission.
- iv. In compliance of condition no. (vi) of Stage-I approval, the approved copy of Catchment Area Treatment Plan along with the details of the fund deposited

- in N-CAMPA has not been submitted and same needs submission.
- v. In compliance of condition no. (vii) of Stage-I approval, the Integrated soil and water conservation plan for the entire landscape affected by the mining activities along with the details of the fund deposited in N-CAMPA has not been submitted and same needs submission.
- vi. In compliance of condition no. (ix) of Stage-I approval, the user agency has mentioned that Pakri Barwadih North-West project is bounded by a seasonal nala, namely, Khora Nala on eastern and north-western side and no part of the Pakwa Nala falls along Pakri Barwadih North-West project. Further it is submitted that, as per approved Mining Plan of PB and PB North-West (approved by Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India vide letter no. 13016/29/2003-CA-1(part) dt. 07.03.2016), Khora Nalla falling between Pakri Barwadih Northwest and Pakri Barwadih West mine (eastern part of the Khora Nala) shall be diverted after 30th year of mining along the Northern boundary of Pakri Barwadih Northwest project, accordingly the green belt to be developed as of now shall be required to be felled in due course. *Accordingly, user agency has requested to exclude the condition of maintaining of 100m green belt along the sides of Pakwa Nala.* The comments along with recommendation of State Govt. on the said request of user agency to amend the condition needs submission.
- vii. In compliance of condition no. (xi) (c) of Stage-I approval, the KML files of diverted area and the CA areas has not been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details and same needs to be uploaded.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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.

