

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: December, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 855.17 ha (1006.17 ha -151 ha) of forest land for Kotre, Basantpur Open Cast Mining Project in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited in Ramgarh and Bokaro district of Jharkhand – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter Van Bhumi-07/2022-4256/V.P. dated 09.11.2023 on above mentioned subject forwarding point-wise compliance report of the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 27.02.2023. After examination of the compliance report revealed the following:

- i. The proposal for diversion of forest land has been accorded Stage-1 approval by excluding 151 ha forest land out of 1006.17 ha forest area proposed for diversion. The revised layout provided by the State in this regard is not Geo-referenced. In absence of a Ge-referenced map it is not possible to ascertain whether the 151 ha forest area on the right side of the District boundary comprising VDF and MDF has been actually excluded as per condition no A(i) of Stage-1 approval or not. Therefore, the State Govt. shall provide the shapefile/ KML file of 855.17 ha In-principle/ Stage-I approved forest land along with a legible copy of Georeferenced layout map showing the activities proposed to be carried out in the project area (both forest & Non-forest land) as per the revised mining plan in compliance of condition no. A (i) of Stage-I approval.
- ii. The State Govt. has submitted the revised CA details. However, State Govt. still proposed some of the CA sites which have been found under encroachment as per the Site Inspection Report carried out by the RO, Ranchi. The State Government shall ensure that the areas proposed for CA are free from all encumbrances and submit the complete compliance as per per condition no. A (iii) of Stage-I approval.
- iii. As per condition no. A (ix) of Stage-I approval the user agency has not uploaded the KML file of proposed CA land on e-Green watch portal which needs to be uploaded.

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

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 13-12-2023 10:26:58

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
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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 (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.