

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

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

Dated: 28th December, 2022

Office Order

Sub: Constitution of a Sub-Committee of FAC to visit the area pertaining to the proposal for non-forestry use of 331.198 ha of forest land for Pakribarwadih coal mining north east Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. in Hazaribag West Forest Division in Hazaribag District of Jharkhand.

The undersigned is directed to inform that based on the recommendation made by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 09.12.2022, a Sub-Committee, consisting of the following members, has been constituted to visit the area pertaining to the proposal for non-forestry use of 331.198 ha of forest land for Pakribarwadih coal mining north east Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. in Hazaribag West Forest Division in Hazaribag District of Jharkhand:

- i. Shri O. P. Sharma, FAC Member - Chairman
- ii. Representative of IRO, Ranchi - Member
- iii. Hydrologist from a reputed institute to be nominated by the PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA) - Member
- iv. CCF/CF of the area concerned as a representative of the PCCF & Nodal Officer - Member

The Committee will visit the area to ascertain and report on the following:

- i. Assessment of hydrological regimes of the area and impact of ongoing mining operations of the user agency in general and DumuhaniNallah in particular and changes brought in by the User Agency and its impact on the ecology of the area.
- ii. Efficacy of mitigation measures, if any, undertaken by the user agency in their lease area
- iii. Holistic assessment of 1787 ha of forest land involved in the mining lease of the user agency, its present status and legitimacy of future use proposed by the user agency.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Distribution:

I/36763/2022

- i. Shri O. P. Sharma, FAC Member - Chairman
- ii. Representative of IRO, Ranchi - Member
- iii. Hydrologist from a reputed institute to be nominated by the PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA) - Member
- iv. CCF/CF of the area concerned as a representative of the PCCF & Nodal Officer - Member

Copy to:

PPS to DGF&SS/PPS to Addl. DGF(FC)/PS to IGF(FC)