

F. No. 8-06/2014-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 110003,
Dated:09-02-2026

To,

The DDGF (Central),
Regional Office, Ranchi.
Ranchi.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 503.578 ha of forest land comprising of 427.661 ha of notified forest land and 75.917 Ha of Jungle Jhari land for Opencast Coal Mining project of Chakla Coal Block in favour of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited in Latehar Forest Division of Jharkhand State (Proposal No. FP/JH/MIN/4117/2013)- regarding.

Ref: Letter of even number dtd 9.2.2026 addressed to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Jharkhand.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand letter No. Van Bhumi-01/2014-333 dated 29.01.2025 on the above-mentioned subject seeking approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 22.01.2026. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. The Committee after detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ranchi and officials from Government of Jharkhand, the Committee deferred the proposal for diversion of 503.578 ha of forest land comprising of 427.661 ha of notified forest land and 75.917 Ha of Jungle Jhari land for Opencast Coal Mining project of Chakla Coal Block in favour of M/s Hindalco Industries Limited in Latehar Forest Division of Jharkhand State for obtaining the following information:

- i. The Regional Office in consultation with the State Government shall clarify the location of patches identified for raising compensatory afforestation, in view of issues identified on DSS. A report on the same shall be submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

In view of the above, Regional Office is requested to clarify the location of patches identified for raising compensatory afforestation and submit the detailed report to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Raja Ram Singh)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principle Secretary (Forests), Government of Jharkhand. Ranchi for immediate necessary action.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
5. The User Agency.