

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

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**Dated: 17th February, 2023**

To,

1. Sh O. P. Sharma, FAC Member  
Additional Commissioner (Soil Conservation),  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110001
2. The Regional Officer (Central),  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Ranchi.
3. Professor Anshumali, Nominated Member  
Department of Environmental Science and Engineering,  
IIT (ISM), Dhanbad.
4. The Addl. PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA),  
Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

**Subject: Conduct a site visit of the sub-committee of FAC of the area pertaining to the Pakribarwadih coal mining projects of M/s. NTPC in Hazaribag district of Jharkhand -reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to Ministry's Office Order dated 28.12.2022 (**copy enclosed**) wherein a sub-committee of FAC was constituted to visit the area pertaining to the Pakribarwadih coal mining projects of M/s NTPC in Hazaribag district of Jharkhand 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 Dumuhani Nallah 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.

In this regard, the members of sub-committee as constituted vide Office order dated 28.12.2022 are requested to visit the area and submit a detailed report to the Ministry at the earliest.

The Nodal Officer(FCA) Jharakhand and the Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi of the Ministry are requested to coordinate with the concerned sub-committee members for an early inspection and report.

**Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj**

**Date: 17-02-2023 18:15:44**

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
2. The PCCF(HoFF), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
3. User Agency;
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

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**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.

Signed by Charan Jeet  
Singh  
Date: 29-12-2022 19:26:57

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

**Distribution:**

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- ii. Representative of IRO, Ranchi - Member
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