

F. No. 8-13/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi: 110003,
Dated: 1st February, 2018

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Corrigendum

Sub: Diversion of 207.990 ha (area for underground mining and 5.08 ha for surface rights) of forest land for coal mining at Ketki Underground Mining, Vishrampur in Surajpur Forest Division, Surajpur District, Chhattisgarh in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 27.09.2017 wherein the Ministry granted *in-principle approval /Stage-I Clearance* of the Central Government for diversion of 207.990 ha area for underground mining and 5.08 ha for surface rights) of forest land for coal mining at Ketki Underground Mining, Vishrampur in Surajpur Forest Division, Surajpur District, Chhattisgarh in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited subject to certain conditions prescribed therein. **The condition no. (ii) of stage-I order is inadvertently mentioned as:**

"Compensatory Afforestation shall be done over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest area proposed to be diverted within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency. **At least 1000 saplings per hectares shall be planted over 415.98 ha (415980 plants).** If it is not possible to plant these many seedlings in the identified DFL, the balance seedlings will be planted in other suitable degraded forest land as per the prescriptions of the Working Plan at the cost of the User agency. In such case CA cost will be revised and duly approved by competent authority and deposited online in the CAF managed by CAMPA. 25% of the CA cost additionally will be spent towards Soil and Moisture Conservation activities in the proposed CA area as per site requirement and deposited in CAF"


and the same may be read as:

"Compensatory Afforestation shall be done over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest area proposed to be diverted (surface area of 5.08 ha.) within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency. **At least 1000 saplings per hectares shall be planted over 10.20 ha (10200 plants).** If it is not possible to plant these many seedlings in the identified DFL, the balance seedlings will be planted in other suitable degraded forest land as per the prescriptions of the Working Plan at the cost of the User agency. In such case CA cost will be revised and duly approved by competent authority and deposited online in the CAF managed by CAMPA. 25% of the CA cost additionally will be spent towards Soil and Moisture Conservation activities in the proposed CA area as per site requirement and deposited in CAF."

2. The other conditions as stipulated in stage-I clearance order dated 27.09.2017 will remain the same.

In convenience is regretted.


Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 1.2.18

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur.
3. The Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.


(Sandeep Sharma) 1.2.18
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)