

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

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Dated: March, 2024

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 226.67 hectares of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) for Karo Opencast Coal Mining Project in District Bokaro (Jharkhand) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No.Van-Bhumi-02/2009-677/V.P. dated 29.02.2024 on the above mentioned subject in reference to the Ministry's letter dated 17.08.2023. In this regard, keeping in view the change in the CA areas and the diversion of a Nallah on forest land after the Stage-1 approval, the matter is proposed to be placed before the Advisory Committee in its upcoming meeting. The State Govt is therefore requested to provide the following details and present the same before the Advisory Committee, in its upcoming meeting as and when scheduled:

As per Site Inspection Report of DFO, there is a mention that a Nallah on forest land has been diverted after Stage-1 approval. Further, it has been mentioned that, other than nallah, non-forestry activities were found temporary in nature which implies that permanent non-forestry activity has been carried out over the forest land. The State shall give the details of the total forest area diverted/broken/violated for Nallah diversion along with the detailed justification and the action taken report.

Further, the Ministry vide its guideline dated 6.01.2022 read with guidelines dated 22.03.2022 has revised the rates of NPV to be realized from the user agencies in lieu of diversion of forest land. In this regard, a period of more than 5 years has elapsed since the issue of Stage-1 approval, therefore the differential amount of NPV in light of aforementioned guidelines is also required to be realized from the user agency.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 20-03-2024 15:40:11

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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.