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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road New Delhi-110 003 Dated: 7th March, 2023

To,

1. The Regional Officer (Central),

Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.

2. Professor Anshumali, Nominated Member

Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad.

3. The Addl. PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA),

Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

Sub: Constitution of a Sub-Committee of FAC to visit 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 and 17.02.2023 wherein a sub-committee of FAC under chairmanship of Sh. O. P. Sharma, Member(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 on going 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, Sh O. P. Sharma, Add Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture has now been transferred and will not been in a position to complete the site inspection. Keeping this in view the remaining members of the committee will visit the sites and submit a report, which will be forwarded by the Regional Officer to FAC.

Yours faithfully

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

Copy to:

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