

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

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Dated: March, 2024

To,

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

Subject: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 455.1108 ha of forest land for Pachwara South Coal Block project in favour of M/S Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL) District Dumka, Jharkhand (Online no.- P/JIH/MIN/59823/2020). –reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-19/2022-388/V.P. dated 15.02.2024 on above subject submitting reply as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 09.11.2023 and to say that after examination of said compliance the following shortcoming has been observed:

- i. The State Government has submitted a revised part of mining plan, which is not in conformity with the purpose wise break-up as proposed in the proposal. Therefore, the State Govt. shall ensure that the land use plan in the revised mining plan is in conformity with the area proposed for diversion. Moreover, the State Government has not submitted copy of revised mining plan which needs submission.
- ii. The State Government has informed that infrastructure area comprising 10.313 ha is now relocated in the backfilled area where the nature of land is non-forest. However, as per revised part of mining plan, backfilled area proposed over 371.76 ha is forest land which is contradictory and need clarification.
- iii. The State Government has not furnished KML file showing the proposed route for transportation of the coal. The same need to be furnished.
- iv. The State Government has not furnished KML file for the revised CA site identified for CA. The same need to be furnished.
- v. The State Govt. has still not submitted the KML file indicating the different components of the project including those proposed to be taken on non-forest land which needs submission.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/ documents, as indicated above, for further necessary in the matter.

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, 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.