

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

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**Dated: 26th April, 2023**

To,

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

**Subject: Modification in condition of Stage-I approval dated 20.09.2010 of change in CA land from Non-forest land to degraded forest land - Proposal for non-forestry use of 150.49 ha of forest land in favour of M/s NTPC Limited (Originally approved in favour of M/s Tenughat Emta Coal Mines Limited) for Badam Coal Mining Project in Hazaribagh District in the State of Jharkhand—regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter no. 3/Van Bhumi-44/2008-2545 V.P. dated 01.09.2022, the Principal Secretary, Government of Bihar's D.O. No. Badam Coal Block-03/2015/11821 dated 15.03.2023 and a request from the user agency i.e. M/s. NTPC Limited vide their letter dated 10.03.2023 seeking approval of the Central Government for allowing Compensatory Afforestation over degraded forest land(DFL) instead of Non-forest land and inform that the matter was examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 24.03.2023. The Minutes of the FAC meeting may be accessed at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government & on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee and with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry, the Central Government hereby accords its approval to raise Compensatory Afforestation over degraded forest land which is twice in extent to the forest area proposed to be diverted subject to the following conditions:

- i. The Degraded Forest Land identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be inspected by the IRO for its suitability as per the prevalent guidelines.
- ii. The State Government shall provide a detail of such cases where compliance report of the Stage-1 approval is pending for more than two years. The reasons for delay in submission of compliance in such cases shall also be submitted. The Ministry may examine the matter and take appropriate action in the matter separately.

The condition no. 1 (i), (ii) and (iv) of Stage-I/In-principle approval letter of even no. dated 20.09.2010 shall now be read as under:

1(i). The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over Degraded Forest Land (DFL) double in extent to the area proposed to be diverted (i.e. 150.49 ha x 2 = 300.98 ha).

1(ii). The Degraded Forest Land identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be inspected by the IRO concerned for its suitability as per the prevalent guidelines.

1(iv). Detailed CA Scheme along with site suitability certificates and KML files of the proposed CA area on the Degraded Forest Land (DFL) shall be submitted by the State Govt prior to Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

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 Regional Officer, Integrated 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.