

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 391.51 ha of balance virgin forest land, including 8.14 ha of safety zone area, in favour of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. within total mining lease area of 1160.06 a of Nowamundi Iron Ore Mine falling under the jurisdiction of the Chaibasa Forest Division, West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. 3/Van Bhumi-71/2010-425/V.P dated 05.02.2025 on the above mentioned subject, forwarding the information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the *in-principle approval* dated 08.12.2022 and to say that examination of same revealed following shortcomings:

- i. In compliance of condition no. A (1) (v), the KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area has not been uploaded on the e-Green watch portal.
- ii. In compliance of condition no. A (2), the State Government has reported that the User Agency has deposited Rs. 56,24,70,672.00 towards NPV through online in account of NA CAMPA. However, as per details available on the web portal, the user agency has deposited Rs. 19,48,42,782.00 towards NPV. This needs clarification.
- iii. In compliance of condition no. A (3) (ii), the user agency has not provided the complete details(kml file, maps, scheme, mutation details etc.) of Penal Compensatory Afforestation area over non-forest land to the extent of 5 times the forest land used in violation of Adhiniyam, 1980.
- iv. In compliance of condition no. A (5) (i), the State Government has reported that the User Agency has deposited a total amount of Rs. 19,08,18,800.00 (Rs. 14,98,70,000.00 + Rs. 4,07,46,800.00) towards the cost of Site-Specific Wildlife Management Plan through online in account of NA CAMPA. However, as per details available on the web portal, user agency has deposited only Rs. 4,07,46,800.00 towards SSWLMP. This needs clarification.
- v. In compliance of condition no. A (5) (ii), the User agency has not provided the details of contribution on proportionate basis towards the cost of

implementation of the Wildlife Management plan prepared by the State Government for the Saranda forest areas.

- vi. In compliance of condition no. A (9) (iv), the shape files of degraded forest land (DFL) selected for Afforestation measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone has not been submitted.
- vii. In compliance of condition no. B (4), the copy of undertaking from the user agency has not been submitted.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 04-04-2025

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(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, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.