

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

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Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 455.1108 ha of forest land for Pachwara South Coal Block project in favour of M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd. (NUPPL), District Dumka, Jharkhand State (Online No. FP/JH/MIN/59823/2020) –regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-19/2022-1157 V.P. dated 26.03.2025 on the above mentioned subject, forwarding the information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the *in-principle approval* dated 18.09.2024 and to say that examination of same revealed following shortcomings:

- i. In compliance of condition no. (v), the copy of Wildlife Conservation Plan duly approved by CWLW, Jharkhand to mitigate the impact of mining on elephant and other wildlife in and around the proposed area along with the fund deposition details has not been submitted.
- ii. In compliance of condition no. (vi), the copy of approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan for river Bansloi along with the fund deposition details has not been submitted.
- iii. In compliance of condition no. (vii), the details of fund deposited with regard to the plantation inside safety zone has not been submitted.
- iv. In compliance of condition no. (ix), the shortcomings observed are as under:
 - a. The copy of CAT Plan of 10 km radius including Chatua nala and other nearby nalas duly approved by the PCCF (HoFF) along with the fund deposition details has not been submitted.
 - b. A team, to be finalized by the PCCF, comprising of officials of user agency, Forest Department subject matter specialist has also not been constituted to study and monitor the soil erosion, water conservation, ecological restoration activities during the implementation of the project.
 - c. The State Government has reported that the User Agency has deposited Rs. 11,24,95,000.00 with regard to SMC Plan through online in account of NA,

CAMPA. However, as per details shown on the web portal, user agency has deposited Rs. 112145000/- towards SMC plan. This is contradictory and need clarification from the State Government.

- v. In compliance of condition no.(x), the Water Security Plan prepared by the group of experts has not been submitted.
- vi. In compliance of condition no.(xi), the KML files of the area under diversion and the accepted area for raising compensatory afforestation has not been uploaded in the e-Green watch portal of FSI.
- vii. In compliance of condition no.(xiv), the schedule for surrender of the mined out and reclaimed forest land in accordance with existing mining plan along with an undertaking to surrender the mined out and reclaimed forest land as per such schedule has not been submitted.
- viii. In compliance of condition no. xvi (c), the details of the fund deposited for regeneration in the safety zone area has not been submitted.
- ix. In compliance of condition no. xvii (a), the copy of the approved Plan/Scheme w.r.t Mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of stream has not been submitted.
- x. In compliance of condition no. xvii (b), the copy of the approved Plan/Scheme w.r.t Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds, in the appropriate area within the mining lease to arrest soil erosion has not been submitted.
- xi. In compliance of condition no. xvii (c), the copy of the approved Plan/Scheme w.r.t Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated maternal along the contour has not been submitted.
- xii. In compliance of condition no. (xix), the copy of the approved Plan w.r.t plantation and SMC activities to undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located within the periphery of 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease along with the fund deposition details has not been submitted.
- xiii. In compliance of condition no. (xx), the copy of the approved Plan w.r.t desilting of village tanks and other water bodies, located within five km from the mine lease boundary, to mitigate the impact of project on such tanks/water bodies has not been submitted.
- xiv. In compliance of condition no. (xxiii), the copy of undertaking has not been submitted.
- xv. In compliance of condition no. (xxiv), the copy of the approved Scheme w.r.t soil conservation measures along the fund deposition details 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
18:09:19

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

Copy to:

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.