

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

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Dated: April, 2024

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 277.15 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited for Rajrappa Open Cast Coal Mining Project in Bokaro Forest Division, District Bokaro (Jharkhand) –reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-21/2013-795/V.P. dated 06.03.2024 on above subject submitting information/documents as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 28.08.2023 and to say that after examination of the compliance, following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. In compliance to condition no. ii (c) of Stage-I approval letter dated 03.09.2020 the State Government has informed that the total area for CA Land is double of 277.15 hectares of diverted forest land i.e. 554.30 hectares has been proposed in the past, out of which afforestation work has already been done on an area of 84.00 ha in Mauja-Nawadih. Instead, net area in Mauja-Nawadih is 14.00 ha and in Mauja Gopalpur, net area is 70.00 ha, total area is 84.00 ha. The State Government shall provide the patch wise details of earlier approved CA sites and change in CA sites after Stage-I approval along with KML files.
- ii. In compliance to condition no. (viii) of Stage-I approval letter dated 03.09.2020 the User Agency has submitted revised land surrendering scheme over 130.94 ha area only and not for the total 510.12 ha already diverted area as sought in compliance of said condition. Therefore, the State Govt. shall submit the tentative land surrendering schedule for entire diverted area mentioning the calendar year in which the land fully reclaimed will be handed over to the Forest Department.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information/documents as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on Parivesh portal.