

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

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**Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

To

Principal Secretary (Forests)  
Govt. of Jharkhand  
Ranchi

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 323.49 ha of forest land for Purandih OCP mine in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Chatra District, Jharkhan (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/MIN/46859/2020)**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-27/2016-3612/V.P. dated 27.08.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the Ministry vide its letter dated 22.08.2019 has requested the State Government and Ministry of Mines, Government of India to submit the additional information/documents. Despite several reminders and also a DO letter of the Secretary, MoEF&CC to Chief Secretary, Jharkhand, no reply has been received from the State so far.

2. In view of the non-submission of information by the State even after lapse of a period of more than one year, the proposal of the State Government is hereby treated as time-barred and closed as per the relevant provisions made under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. State Government is also requested to initiate action against the officials responsible for violation of the FCA, 1980 and submit a compliance report on the same within a period of three months time form the date of issue of this letter. It is further requested that State government shall ensure that no mining activity shall be allowed over forest land till appropriate approval for non forest use of forest land is obtained under the provision of FCA 1980

4. This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

**Yours faithfully,**  
**Sd/-**  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
**Scientist 'D'**

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, GoI, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
3. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
4. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Deptt., Govt of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
5. User Agency.

6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.