

**Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Forest Conservation Division**

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jor Bag road
New Delhi-110003

Dated: 18th May, 2023

Meeting Notice

Subject:- Proposal for non-forestry use of 184.23 ha of Forest land (174.23 Ha encroached (ex-post facto approval) and 9.84 ha virgin land) in favour of M/s Electrosteel Steels Limited (now known as ESL Steel Limited) in the state of Jharkhand –regarding.

I am directed to inform a meeting under the chairmanship of DGF&SS was held on 20.10.2022 to review the status of progress made by the user agency towards the compliance of Stage-I approval dated 17.12.2019 for the subject cited proposal. This meeting was attended by the PCCF & HoFF, Jharkhand and JS(IA). In pursuance to decision taken and time line decided in the meeting, the State Government/User Agency was required to submit the compliance to the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval. However, State Government vide their letter No. Van Bhumi-14/2019-3526/V.P. dated 02.12.2022 has submitted in-complete compliance report. After examination of the compliance report, Ministry vide its letter dated 07.03.2023 sent a reminder to the State Government requesting to submit the compliance of Stage-I approval dated 17.12.2019 as decided in the meeting held on 20.10.2022 by 31st March 2023, failing which the Ministry may consider to revoke the Stage-I approval. However, the complete compliance is still awaited from the State Government.

In order to review the status of compliance of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-1 approval a meeting will be held at 11:30 AM on 25.05.2023 under the chairmanship of DGF&SS in Krishna Conference Hall, 4th Floor, Jal Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bag Road, New Delhi-110003.

In this regard, the Principal Secretary(forests), PCCF(HoFF) Govt of Jharkhand and the authorized officials of the User Agency are requested to attend the meeting on scheduled date and time.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 18-05-2023 16:54:56

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

Distribution:

1. The Principal Secretary(Forest), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi..

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
3. Regional Officer, IRO, MoEFCC, Ranchi with a request to attend the meeting.
4. Additional Secretary (TK)/JS (SKB) with a request to attend the meeting.
5. User Agency.
6. Sr. PPS to DGF&SS/PPS to ADGF (FC)/ PPS to IGF (FC).