

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: Diversion of 1026.438 ha of forest land for coal mining Pakribarwadih Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. in Hazaribag West Forest Division in Hazaribag District of Jharkhand - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. Van Bhumi-75/2009/1262/V.P. dated 05.04.2024 on the above subject furnishing their comments as sought by Ministry's vide letter of even no. dated 10.11.2023. The proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 30.04.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

2. After going through the facts of the proposal, the Committee observed that the State Govt. has just forwarded the representation of the User Agency without any specific comments, recommendations and view point of the state on the matter. Accordingly, it was decided that the State Govt. be requested to carry out an in-depth analysis of the matter and the relaxations sought by the User Agency, keeping in view the factual position/field situation and submit a pointwise detailed report to the Ministry. The committee also took note of the court case filed by the User Agency with respect to challenging the decision of the Ministry and the demand note of penal NPV raised by the DFO and sought the update in this regard in the future meetings.

3. Further, the matter is proposed to be placed before the Advisory Committee in its upcoming meeting scheduled to be held on 28.05.2024. The State is therefore requested to provide the details as indicated above and the Nodal Officer, Government of Jharkhand shall present the same before the Advisory Committee in its upcoming meeting scheduled to be held on 28.05.2024.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 20-05-2024 19:56:20

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