

F. No. 8-36/2010-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: As per e-Sign

To,

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

Subject: Request of user agency i.e. NMDC Limited for Modification in condition of Stage-I approval dated 23.01.2013 & 07.11.2013 regarding CA in degraded forest land for Rohne Coal Block in Hazaribagh District, Jharkhand -regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. 3/Van Bhumi-100/2009-1406 V.P. dated 20.05.2022 on the above subject forwarding the request of user agency i.e. M/s. NMDC Limited to amend the conditions of Stage-I approval dated 23.01.2013 & 07.11.2013 and letter no. 3/Van Bhumi-100/2009-387 dated 15.02.2024 furnishing comments as sought by the Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 13.06.2023. In this regard, it is to inform that 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 provision of raising Compensatory Afforestation over DFL by the CPSUs is not available in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam Rules, 2023. Moreover, the project of the user agency involves both forest as well as non-forest land, therefore the relaxation cannot be considered even as an exception and the Compensatory Afforestation cannot be allowed to be raised over Degraded Forest land in the instant case. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that the user agency shall abide by all the conditions stipulated in the Stage- I approval.

3. Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 27-05-2024 10:19:50

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.