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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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**Dated:22-06-2026**

To,

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

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 65.52 ha of forest land for expansion of Surda Copper Underground Mine project in favour of M/s Hindustan Copper Limited in Singhbhum district, Jharkhand - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand letter on the above mentioned subject submitting compliance report of Stage- I approval accorded by the Ministry vide letter dated 15.06.2024. After examination of compliance report submitted by the State Government in the Ministry following is observed:

- i. In compliance of condition no. 5 of Stage-I approval, the State Government has forwarded the submission of the User Agency that it shall pay additional amount towards Penal CA which has to be paid in future after reconciliation by the State Government with the Government of Bihar. The reconciliation of Penal CA amount has not been complied with by the State Government. Further, the report on the steps taken by the State Government for completion of Penal CA has not been submitted. The State Government is therefore required to reconcile the Penal CA amount, submit the report on the steps taken for completion of Penal CA, along with an undertaking of the User Agency to pay additional amount towards penal CA.
- ii. The copy of the Pond De-siltation Plan, approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jharkhand, Ranchi, in compliance with Condition No. 11 of the Stage-I approval, has not been submitted along with the compliance report. The approved copy of the said plan needs to be submitted.
- iii. The Rehabilitation-cum-Enrichment Plan submitted along with the compliance report in compliance with Condition Nos. 9, 10 & 13 of the Stage-I approval has not been approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jharkhand, Ranchi. The approved copy of the said plan needs to be submitted.

In view of the above, the State Government of Jharkhand is requested to submit

the information/documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours  
faithfully,

*Sd/-*

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to: -**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
5. The User Agency.