

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

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Dated: 14th July, 2022

To

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 150.49 ha of forest land in favour of M/s NTPC Limited for Badam Opencast Coal Mining Project located in District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. No. 3/ Van Bhumi-44/2008-1539. V. P. dated 01.06.2022 on the above subject, forwarding therein information sought by this Ministry vide letter dated 19.04.2022 and to say that examination of the said information in the Ministry revealed that information on details of CA lands and activities proposed in the site-specific Wildlife Management Plan has not been furnished. The competent authority of the Ministry took a serious view on the fact that non-forest land after getting it notified by the District Administration and handed over to the Forest Department was discovered to be forest land, therefore entire process of approval considered by the Ministry under the Forest (Conservation) Act, has been vitiated and worth summarily revoking. However, as per the principle of natural justice, a last opportunity is given to the State to submit the complete compliance including detail of compensatory afforestation proposed to be raised in lieu of proposed diversion of forest land along with the following information:

- i. Copy of site-specific Management Plan, if any prepared, containing detail of activities proposed therein and corresponding financial cost, etc., clearly indicating activities specific to Badam coal mining lease. i.e, activities which are in addition to and not overlapping with activities proposed in the IWMP.
- ii. Updated information on change in the number of project affected trees, as desired under point no. (vii) of letter dated 13.04.2022.
- iii. Detail of compensatory levies, in the prescribed proforma, as desired under point no. (viii) of letter dated 13.04.2022.

In view of above, I am directed to convey that a last opportunity is granted to the State Government for submission of complete compliance within a period of two months **failing which the Stage-I approval dated 20.09.2010 may be revoked by the Central Government.**

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Ranchi
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5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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