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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 **Dated: 26-07-2024**

To,

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

Sub: 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 –reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letterNo. Van Bhumi-75/2009/1262/V.P. dated 05.04.2024 on the above subject furnishing their comments as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 10.11.2023 and to inform that the proposal was again considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 04.07.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

After going through the facts of the proposal, the Committee observed that the PCCF (HoFF), Government of Jharkhand was requested to give a presentation before the Advisory Committee which has not been done. Accordingly, it is again re-iterated that the State Govt. shall 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 the PCCF (HoFF), Government of Jharkhand shall present the same before the Advisory Committee in its next meeting.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to take appropriate action in the matter as per recommendation of Advisory Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;

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- 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.