

**File No.:8-56/2009-FCpt**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**  
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**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 the Hon'ble NGT judgment dated 21.01.2025 regarding appeal No. 20 of 2023 titled as NTPC Vs State of Jharkhand and ors. In this regard, the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 12.06.2025. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

The Committee after detailed discussion and deliberation opined that before finalising the penalty as directed by the Hon'ble NGT, it is desirable that user agency, through State Government, may be provided an opportunity to present their submission in writing, before the Committee on the circumstances under which they preferred to continue mining operations even after being informed on the violation of the condition of approval. Accordingly, the Committee deferred the proposal for next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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4. User Agency;
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