

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

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**Dated: As per E-sign**

To

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

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 431.59 ha of forest land for Amrapali Open Cast Coal mining project in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited in Chatra South Forest Division in Chatra District of Jharkhand-regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-4/2022-2466/V.P. dated 27.06.2024 on the above subject forwarding a representation of user agency dated 11.03.2024 requesting for modification in the condition no. 2 (i) and 2 (ii) of Stage-I approval dated 21.12.2023 and to inform that as per the provisions of the Van (Sanraksham Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, which came into force on 1st December 2023, the CA in the instant case is required to be raised over equivalent non-forest land. It is pertinent to mention here that the Rule 16 (8) of the Van (Sanraksham Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 provides that:

*16 (8) Any proposal which has already been submitted under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 or Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 and are currently under consideration of the various authorities in the State Government or Union territory Administration or the Central Government for grant of 'In-principle' or 'Final' approval shall be dealt in the following manner, namely:-*

*(i) Any proposals granted 'In-principle' approval shall be dealt under the provisions of the extant rules and be processed and considered for grant of 'Final' approval without amending the conditions stipulated in the 'In-principle' approval; and*

*(ii) Any provision of the extant rules will be applicable on the proposals which are yet to be granted 'In-principle' approval under the Adhinyam.*

Therefore, the request to amend the condition of raising CA over degraded forest land is not tenable. Accordingly, the State/user agency has to abide by all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 21.12.2023 including raising of CA over non-forest land.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to inform the user agency accordingly and to ensure the compliance of conditions stipulated in the approvals granted under the Van (Sanraksham Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

**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, Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.