

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

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Dated: 17th August, 2021

To

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 509.33 ha of forest land comprising of 401.78 ha of notified forest land and 107.55 recorded forest land in favour of M/s Essar Power (Jharkhand) Limited for Opencast Coal Mining project on Chakla Coal Block in Latehar Forest Division of Latehar District (Jharkhand) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13.01.2015 on the above subject conveying the closure of the proposal to the State Government and Addl. Secretary, Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal's DO letter dated 12.04.2021 (copy enclosed) requesting facilitation of the proposal submitted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Further, examination of the proposal in the Ministry revealed that extant proposal was submitted almost 7 years back, and the same was considered by the FAC in 2015 which observed that for further action the Ministry of Coal's clarification regarding de-allocation of this coal block be obtained. Now, to take further action on Ministry of Coal's enclosed DO letter dated 12.04.2021, it is essential to take into account the changed field attributes related to the proposal and also the compliance of other guidelines issued by the Ministry in the said intervening period. It is therefore, desired that updated information in respect of the proposal may be furnished by the State as under:

- i. Update the proposal in light of relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry during the intervening period and submit the same along with KML/SHAPE files of the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising CA.
- ii. Update the proposal on various parameters of the project, as mentioned in para 5.4 of the comprehensive guidelines(available on parivesh.nic.in).
- iii. A confirmation that no non-forestry activity in the forest land proposed for non-forestry use has been taken by the previous user agency in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- iv. The State Government may also submit the comments of Water Resource Department, Government of Jharkhand on the feasibility of proposed changed

course of nallah involved in the lease area of the user agency.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Regional Officer, Integrate Regional Office of the MoEF&CC **at Ranchi with a request to carry out fresh inspection of the area and submit a report to the Ministry**
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File