

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

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Dated: 17th August, 2023

To

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

Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 226.67 hectares of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) for Karo Opencast Coal Mining Project in District Bokaro (Jharkhand) – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van-Bhumi-02/2009-2747/V.P. dated 21.07.2023 on the above subject forwarding compliance in response to Ministry's letter dated 28.02.2022 and to say that after examination of said compliance revealed the following observations:

- i. In compliance to condition no (v) regarding plantation in all available areas to reduce pollution, instead of a detail plan for undertaking plantation, the user agency has submitted a map of available areas for plantation in near future in C.C.L. mines in East Bokaro Coalfield. Therefore a detail plan for undertaking plantation along with KML file of all available areas for plantation needs submission.
- ii. In compliance to condition no (vi) the details of voids identified and earmarked for dumping of ash generated from the nearby Bokaro TPS has not been submitted.
- iii. The KML files for CA land for an area of 795 ha instead of 480 ha has been submitted . The State Govt. shall provide the KML files of 480 ha degraded forest land proposed for CA and also ensure that there should be no overlapping of the area in the proposed CA KML files.
- iv. Certain encroachments are visible in the area proposed for raising CA. The same needs to be revisited by the State Government and the State Govt. shall ensure that the the proposed CA land is free from all encroachment and encumbrances.
- v. Satellite Imagery of the area proposed for diversion revealed that non-forestry activity has been carried out in the forest land after Stage-I/ In-principle approval. In this context, the State Government shall take necessary action and submit Action Taken Report to the Ministry.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish information/clarification on the shortcomings, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj

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(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;

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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.