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F. No. 8-62/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 22nd August, 2019

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 126.72 ha (84.35 ha PF and 42.37 ha Jungle Jhari) of forest land for KDH Open Cast Mine in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Ranchi District, Jharkhand.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. Van Bhumi-06/2017/3422/V.P. dated 13.08.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31st July, 2019. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 31st July, 2019 may kindly be accessed on the website of this Ministry (www.parivesh.nic.in).

The FAC, after thorough deliberations on the proposal and also taking note of the various facts of the proposal inter-alia recommended obtaining following information from the State Government:

- (i) State Government shall attach necessary certificate that the area is free from encroachments and encumbrances.
- (ii) State Government shall submit necessary certificate to confirm whether the site selected for compensatory afforestation is important from Religious/Archaeological point of view or not.
- (iii) Status of safety zone may be clarified by state Government.
- (iv) Cost benefit ratio shall be calculated as per MoEF&CC guidelines dated 1.08.2017.
- (v) State Government shall provide details about the gap/shortfall observed in the process of reclamation of the mined area by CCL in other mines within the state.
- (vi) State Government shall furnish status of the areas for which, as reported, there are approvals of forest area obtained in 1996 and 2009.
- (vii) State Government may further clarify if the user agency had paid NPV for entire forest area within the project/lease area as per different guidelines of MoEF&CC or not.
- (viii) State Government shall prepare a comprehensive proposal for diversion of entire forest land under the provisions of FCA 1980 within the project /lease area

In view of the above, I am directed to request the Ministry of Mines, Government of India to submit their comments, as per the observation of FAC, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

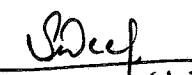
Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell (Forest Conservation Division).
6. Guard File.


(Sandeep Sharma)
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