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File No.: 8-07/2025-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 4.856 Ha of Forest land for mining of stone (Paharpur Stone Deposit) in favour of Jai Baba Patalpuri Stone Mines and Crusher Pvt. Ltd, Giridih, Jharkhad (Proposal No.FP/JH/MIN/24815/2017)

Madam/Sir,

- I am directed to refer to Government of Jharkhand proposal on the above mentioned subject. The proposal has been examined in the Ministry. The observations of the Ministry on the proposal are as follows:-
- (i) The LoI has been reported to be issued in 2016. In this regard the State Government shall ensure the validity of the LoI and submit a copy of valid LoI.
- (ii) As per mining plan attached with proposal, at the end of plan period, 1.584 ha land out of 4.856 ha land has been shown as unused. The details justification is required from State Government regarding keeping the land unused.
- (iii) The State Government shall submit a copy of approval letter of mining plan as the same is not found uploaded with the proposal. The State shall also ensure that the proposed landuse is commensurate with the mining plan and a comparative analysis shall be provided.
- (iv) The State Government shall submit a copy of suitability certificate for Compensatory Afforestation land. The CA scheme attached with the proposal is quite old made in 2017, the state may accordingly submit a revised scheme at present rates..
- (v) The State Govt. shall submit the details regarding requirement of water and electricity for operation of mines and how they will be met. The detail of additional forest land required if any shall also be submitted.
- (vi) As per DSS analysis, calculated area of Shape file/ KML file of Forest land proposed for diversion is found 6.004 Ha (software calculated) whereas the instant proposal is for seeking diversion of 4.856 ha Protected Forest land. The correct

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KML file of the proposed area shall be provided.

(vii) The KML file of various components of the project like safety zone, overburden dump, infrastructure along with their component wise details has not been given in PART-I form on the PARIVESH. The State Govt. shall provide the same.

(viii) High resolution satellite imagery shows that the a Road is passing through the proposed forest land which was constructed during the year 11.11.2018. The State Govt. shall examine and provide the details of approvals/ violation/action taken report in this regard.

- (ix). As per satellite imagery part of the proposed forest land is found sharing its border with the Local Nala. The State Govt. shall give comments regarding the effect of mining on local nala.
- (x) As per DSS analysis, part of the proposed CA land at Village Kumhiyatri is found overlapping with the forest compartment boundary. The State Govt. shall ensure that the area proposed for CA is non-forest land. A detailed report in this regard shall be provided.
- (xi) As per DSS analysis, part of proposed CA patches in village Dharwe is having the presence of settlement, Agriculture, pond etc. Further, CA patches in this village is located isolated and having area less than 1 ha. The State Govt. shall ensure that the areas proposed for CA are free from all encumbrances and are suitable for management.

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.