

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 31st August, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 150.49 ha of forest land in favour of M/s NTPC Limited (Originally approval in favour of M/s Tenughat Emta Coal Mines Limited) for Badam Coal Mining Project in Hazaribagh District in the State of Jharkhand – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. 3/Van Bhumi-44/2008-3075. V. P. dated 10.08.2023 on the above subject forwarding compliance in response to Ministry's letter dated 26.04.2023 and to say that after examination of said compliance revealed the following observations:

- i. The State Government has not provide the KML files of the 301.00 ha degraded forest land proposed for compensatory afforestation.
- ii. Site inspection report by the concern Regional Office of the area identified for compensatory afforestation, as per recommendation of Advisory Committee, has not been submitted which needs submission.
- iii. As per recommendation of Advisory Committee, *the State Government shall provide a detail of such cases where compliance report of the Stage-1 approval is pending for more than two years. The reasons for delay in submission of compliance in such cases shall also be submitted.* However, State Government has not provided a detail of such cases which needs submission.

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

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 31-08-2023 18:05:19

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Ranchi with a request to inspect the CA areas and submit the SIR at the earliest;

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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.