

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

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**Dated: 13th September, 2022**

To

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

**Sub: Diversion of 1026.438 ha of forest land for coal mining Pakribarwadih Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. in Hazaribag West Forest Division in Hazaribag District of Jharkhand-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter No. no. vanbhumi-75/2009-1915 V.P. dated 08.07.2022, received on 5.08.2022, on the above mentioned subject forwarding additional information as sought by the Ministry vide its letters of even numbers dated 29.01.2019 and 23.02.2022 and to say that after examination of said information in the Ministry, the following is observed:

- i. The user agency has applied for amendment in the condition without disclosing the violation being committed by them; therefore, the extant case is of concealing the information to mislead the authorities while taking decision on the proposal. Justification in this regard needs to be obtained from the user agency.
- ii. Ministry, vide letter dated 9.05.2022 has requested comments on a representation dated 9.04.2022 fo Shri Abhishek Krishna Gupta, Advocate, Supreme Court and High Court alleging irregularities by the M/s NTPC limited in obtaining approval under FC Act 1980 for their Pakri Barwadi Coal Mining Project. Comments on the same needs to be furnished by the State.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

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**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
6. Guard file