

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

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Dated: 13th September, 2022

To

The Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office,
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 desired:

- i. Ministry dated 23.02.2022 requested the IRO to take action on non-compliance of conditions as per para 1.21 of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 including mining in the Dumhani nalla. Reply from the IRO is still awaited.
- ii. IRO should visit the area to carryout inspection in detail to ascertain the extent of violation of approval granted by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The IRO should also ascertain the duration of the violation and when did the User Agency stop active operations in the area under reported to be under violation of the FC Act.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the IRO to take action as per the observations, indicated above, and a report on the same is submitted to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forest), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Jharkhand, 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