

F. No. 8-53/2011-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 26th November, 2015

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 243.32 ha of forest land for North Karanpura Coal Keredari Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s NTPC Ltd. in Chatra South and Hazaribagh West Forest Division of Districts Chatra and Hazaribagh, respectively in the State of Jharkhand – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. No. 22 P 2 (2) 22/2010/575 dated 10.02.2014 on the above subject forwarding a report on compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 1.02.2012 and to say that after examination of the matter in view of the fact that instant coal block is the among the 214 coal blocks whose allocated had been cancelled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 24.09.2014 and pursuant to the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Ministry of Coal (MoC) has initiated the process of re-allocation/auction, decided that pending any communication from the MoC, further processing of the case may be kept on hold. Subsequently, the Ministry of Coal vide their vide its DO letter No. 13016/38/2015-CA-III dated 18.09.2015 informed the Ministry that extant coal block has been re-allocated to the same user agency i.e. M/s NTPC Ltd. Accordingly, with the approval of competent authority of the MoEF, decision of the Ministry to keep the compliance report of Stage-I approval on hold has been revoked and shortcomings, as given under, observed in the said report are hereby conveyed to the State Government for their complete compliance,:

- i. Undertaking in respect of condition no. 1 of the Stage-I approval has not been submitted.
- ii. A report on the remittance of compensatory levies in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA could not be furnished by the Ad-hoc CAMPA for want of clarification from the State Government on the total area reported in the compliance report i.e. total area diverted in the instant case is 243.32 ha while compensatory levies has been realized only in respect of 163.04 ha. Revised details corresponding to the complete area may be furnished to the Ministry.
- iii. Differential GPS map of the area identified for CA has not been submitted by the State Government.
- iv. Welfare Plan for displaced people, in accordance with condition no. 8 of the Stage-I approval has not been prepared by the project proponent.
- v. Copy of R&R plan has not been submitted.

- vi. Conservation plan, in accordance with the condition no. 18 of the Stage-I approval, for the project area under the guidance of the State Forest Department for maintenance and eco-restoration of the area at the project cost has not been prepared by the project proponent.
- vii. Compliance of FRA, 2006 has been submitted only in respect of 163.04 ha of forest land instead of 243.32 ha. Complete compliance for the entire area of 234.42 ha may be submitted by the State Government in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC.

Yours faithfully,


(Rajagopal Prashant)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Ranchi.
3. Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agencies;
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Diviosn, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File.


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