

F. No. 8-76/2007-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate change  
(FC Division)

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New Delhi - 110003.  
Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

To

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

**Sub: Diversion of 101.922 ha forest land for construction of North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project in favour of NTPC in district Chatra in Jharkhand.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. *Vanbhumi-45/2007/3284/VP* dated 23.06.2015 on the subject mentioned above forwarding compliance report as sought by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 18.03.2014 and to say that examination of the said compliance report in this Ministry revealed following shortcomings:

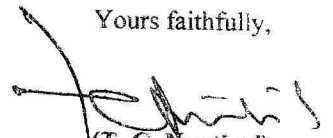
- i. DGPS map of the area identified for compensatory afforestation revealed that maps not been submitted in the prescribed format i.e. on 1:4,000 scale. Details of geo-graphical coordinates of the area (soft copy in shape or kml file) have also not been submitted. Geographical coordinates of the area identified for CA has not been provided.
- ii. Ad-hoc CAMPA vide his note dated 7.07.2015 read with note dated 6.08.2015 reported that adequate details of compensatory levies realized from the project proponent in lieu of diversion of forest land have not been provided by the State Government.
- iii. Present status of the 4.6742 ha of forest land, reported to be not required by the user agency, whether, any non-forestry activities has been undertaken over the said land or not may be submitted to this Ministry. Further, the State Government has not made any specific request to amend the Stage-I approval to exclude the 4.6742 from the total area of 101.922 for which the MoEF&CC has accorded Stage-I approval. Given the existing position i.e. MoEF&CC has accorded Stage-I for 101.922 ha and in the absence of any specific from the State Government to amend the Stage-I approval, the compliance of FRA, 2006 is required to be submitted over the entire area of 101.922 ha instead of 97.2477 ha.

Further, complete documentary evidences along with copies of the resolutions of the Gram sabha(s) bearing the signature of the participants may also be submitted by the State Government along with the compliance report.

- iv. In case, the State Government is not interested in the Garhi reservoir Project, the Ministry may be intimated formally about the cancellation of the project so that further proceeding to close the project may be undertaken in the Ministry.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings as indicated above to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

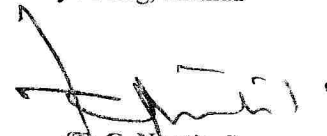
Yours faithfully,

  
(T. C. Nautiyal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi for information.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), o/o the PCCF, Govt. of Jharkhand for information.
4. User Agency (North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project, Agrawal Rest House, Malviya Marg, JHanda Chowk, Hazaribagh - 825 301 (Jharkhand).
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

  
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