

**F. No. 8-21/2015-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015

To

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

**Sub: Diversion of 277.15 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited for Rajrappa Open Cast Mine in Bokaro Forest Division in Bokaro District in the State of Jharkhand –regarding..**

Sir,

The State Government of Jharkhand vide their letter No. Vanbhumi-21/2013-1582/VP dated 24.03.2015 submitted the above mentioned proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The site inspection was carried out by the Regional Office, Ranchi on 06/11/2015 and the proposal placed before the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. The submissions along with the proposal were considered in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 wherein the FAC after detailed deliberations recommended that state government be requested to submit following information/ documents

- a. *Comments on the recommendations of the Regional Office, Ranchi that State Government should explore possibility of underground mining.*
- b. *Comments on the observation of the Regional Office, Ranchi that since the area of forest land diverted is large it will definitely show significant impact on the flora and fauna of the area.*
- c. *Compliance of the conditions stipulated in central Government's approval dated 15/3/2007 for diversion of 510.82 ha*
- d. *Reason for submitting the proposal for diversion of only 277.15 ha out of total 336.58 ha of forest land in block II excluding balance of 59.53 ha of forest land*
- e. *DGPS maps in shape files for the land proposed for diversion.*
- f. *Purpose wise breakup of forest land proposed to be diverted*
- g. *Compliance to Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006*

The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting are available on <http://forestsclearance.nic.in>. I am therefore directed to request that the above points may be addressed by the State Government and compliance be sent to this Ministry for further necessary action. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

**(Rajagopal Prashant)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. The User Agency (M/s Central Coal Field Limited (CCL).
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

**(Rajagopal Prashant)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)