

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110 003,
Dated: 27th February, 2017

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.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. VanBhumi-21/2013/5032 dated 02.11.2016 forwarding compliance report on the Ministry's letter of even no. dated 31.12.2015 for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After examining the compliance report, it is observed that there are significant variations between the responses given by the State Govt., Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests and State Nodal Officer vide their letter no. VanBhumi-21/2013/5032 dated 02.11.2016, letter No. 22/ P 2-(2)/2013/3581 dated 19.09.2016 and letter No.890 dated 10.09.2016 respectively.

3. Moreover, the 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, the compliance of the conditions stipulated in central Government's approval dated 15.03.2007 for diversion 510.82 ha., Justifiable 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, DGPS map of the area proposed for diversion and compensatory afforestation and purpose-wise break up of land are not given.

4. I am therefore directed to request the State Government to send the complete information/documents as above at the earliest.

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 Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell (Forest Conservation Division).
6. Guard File.



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