

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

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Dated: 23rd June, 2017

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. 3/VAN BHOOMI-103/2010/68 – VP dated 06th January, 2017 wherein the compliance has been provided, as sought by the Ministry's letter even number dated 26.11.2015. After examination the same revealed the following shortcomings:

- (i) The Conservation Plan provided with the present compliance does not appear to be detailed has no cost estimates for the activities to be taken up. Thus, the Conservation Plan, which includes Integrated Wildlife Management Plan with cost estimates, duly approved by the State Forest Department is required, and the funds for the same may be deposited in the Ad-hoc CAMPA account.
- (ii) As per DSS, Out of 826.00 ha of CA area for which shape file provided, 449 ha falls on agriculture land, settlement land, reservoir, water body, encroachment, VDF and MDF etc. The details are as below:

S. No	Patch	Patch Name	Area (Ha.)	Impact Area (Ha.)	Remark
1	Patch-I	KEREDARI	314	212	Polygon is falling on Agricultural land, Settlement, Reservoir and Dense forest cover
2	Patch-II	DUMI	122	11	Polygon is falling on Agricultural land, Settlement and Dense forest cover
3	Patch-III	SOHRA	115	36	Polygon is falling on Agricultural land, Settlement, Water body and Dense forest cover
4	Patch-IV	CHOUPARAN BLOCK B	24	19	Polygon is falling on Dense forest cover
5	Patch-V	CHOUPARAN BLOCK A	102	102	Entire CA polygon area is effected with encroachment of Human settlement and Agricultural land
6	Patch-VI	MADHUGOPALI	149	69	Polygon is falling on Agricultural land and Dense forest cover
Total			826	449	

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Accordingly, CA may be revised and submitted with suitability certificate and revised shape file / KML file.

(iii) In compliance to condition No. 7 of Stage – I clearance it was earlier reported that detailed evacuation plan will be submitted later, but the same is still awaited.

(iv) The State Government of Jharkhand may provide their comments on the discrepancies reported by the PCCF vide his letter No. 22P2(2)22/2010/2047 dated 06.06.2016 which is reproduced below:

- a) Name and Area of Chatra Forest Division in the proposal is not clear.
- b) The area mentioned by the DFO for identified CA in the proposal is 374.00 ha whereas the same given in the letter is 324.00 ha.
- c) The compliance for FRA in respect of Chatra District is given for 48.81 ha instead of 58.85 ha.

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to send the reply / information/documents for the above points at the earliest for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajagopal Prashant)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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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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