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सेवा में,

वन संरक्षक,
प्रादेशिक अंचल,
हजारीबाग।

विषयः— गोन्दुलपारा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हेक्टर वन भूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव (FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021) के संबंध में।

प्रसंगः— प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक—सह—कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड रांची का ज्ञापांक 897 दिनांक 11.11.2025

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रासंगिक पत्र के संबंध में सूचित करना है कि विषयक परियोजना में झारखण्ड सरकार, वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग का पत्रांक F.NO.-8-11/2025-FC दिनांक 10.11.2025 द्वारा पृच्छित बिन्दुओं का निराकरण प्रतिवेदन प्रयोक्ता अभिकरण अपने पत्रांक AEL/GCM/2025/110 दिनांक 22.12.2025 द्वारा परिवेश पोर्टल 2.0 पर अपलोड करते हुए प्रस्ताव ऑनलाईन अग्रसारित किया गया है।

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1	As per the Para 7.8 of the Chapter-7 given in the Consolidated Handbook of Guidelines and Clarification issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules-2023, a justification behind opening new mining lease in the region shall be submitted along with a brief profile of the lessee/company, giving details of their existing mining leases in the State with their capacity of production, the present level	<p>The Gondulpara Opencast Coal Mine in North Karanpura coal fields in Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand State has been allocated to M/s Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) vide vesting order no: NA-104/10/2020-NA dated 8th March 2021 by Ministry of Coal, Government of India. As per the approved mining plan, the target production capacity is 4.0 MTPA. A total of 513.18 ha land is involved out of which 219.8 ha is forest land.</p> <p>Details as per Para 7.8 of chapter 7 are attached as Annexure 1.</p>	<p>In compliance to this query, User Agency has submitted the Required details as per para 7.8 of chapter 7 which is attached as Annexure-1.</p>

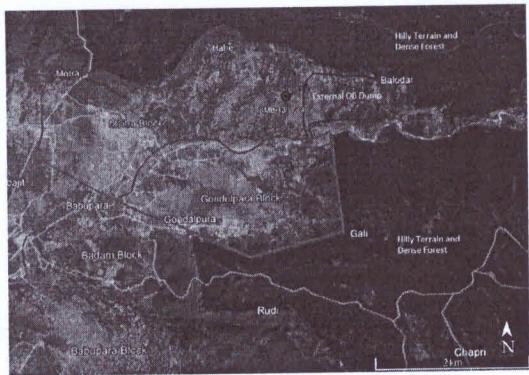
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	of average annual production, location of these pits and the status of reclamation of forest land that are exhausted minerals etc. The State Government is requested to submit the justification accordingly.		
2	As per the vesting order issued by the Ministry of Coal vide its letter dated 08.03.2021, the Ministry of Coal has allotted 185.94 acres (75.247 ha) of land under CBA whereas the project area reported in the proposal is 513.18 ha (219.8 ha forest + 293.38 ha non-Forest land). This State Govt. shall submit the clarification regarding this variation along with supporting documents.	<p>The Gondulpara Project is located in Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand with a total area of 513.18 ha. The above-mentioned 185.4 acres of land mentioned in Annexure-1 (Part-B) of the vesting order issued by the Ministry of Coal is not a part of the Project area & it is rather located in another district. This 185.4 acres of Non-Forest Land (NFL) is located in villages <i>Suli</i> and <i>Masra</i> in Garhwa district of Jharkhand. This land was purchased by the previous allottee, Tenughat Emata Coal Mines Private Limited (TEMPL), for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) purposes. It was subsequently transferred to AEL along with the vesting order. However, due to delays in completing the registry from TEMPL to AEL due to local issues, these NFL patches were not considered for CA in the current Forest Diversion Proposal of AEL.</p> <p>It is also clarified that the Gondulpara block was allocated to AEL under the CMSP Act through auction and not under the CBA</p>	<p>The User Agency has provided the required clarification. The 185.94 acres mentioned in the vesting order is not part of the Gondulpara Coal Mining project area; rather, it pertains to land in Garhwa district purchased by the previous allottee for Compensatory Afforestation purposes.</p> <p>The Gondulpara block was allocated to M/s Adani Enterprise Limited (AEL) under the CMSP Act through auction, not under the CBA Act. The project area of 513.18 ha (including 219.8 ha forest land) is as per the approved mining plan, and the proposed diversion aligns with this plan.</p>

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3	The State shall ensure that the proposed land use is commensurate with the mining plan. A comparative analysis of the land use as per proposal vis-à-vis the mining plan shall be submitted.	<p>The land use of project is in-line with the approved mining plan uploaded in Form A of the proposal. A comparative analysis of the land use is given in the table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Land Use</th><th>As per proposal</th><th>As per Mining Plan</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Excavation Area</td><td>326.01</td><td>326.01</td></tr> <tr> <td>External Dump</td><td>129.35</td><td>129.35</td></tr> <tr> <td>Safety Zone</td><td>6.5</td><td>6.5</td></tr> <tr> <td>River</td><td>5.56</td><td>5.56</td></tr> <tr> <td>Settling Pond</td><td>2.2</td><td>2.2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Road & infra</td><td>12.8</td><td>12.8</td></tr> <tr> <td>Garland Drain/Nala Diversion</td><td>1.53</td><td>1.53</td></tr> <tr> <td>Embankment</td><td>18.54</td><td>18.54</td></tr> <tr> <td>Green Belt</td><td>10.69</td><td>10.69</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>513.18 ha</td><td>513.18 ha</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Land Use	As per proposal	As per Mining Plan	Excavation Area	326.01	326.01	External Dump	129.35	129.35	Safety Zone	6.5	6.5	River	5.56	5.56	Settling Pond	2.2	2.2	Road & infra	12.8	12.8	Garland Drain/Nala Diversion	1.53	1.53	Embankment	18.54	18.54	Green Belt	10.69	10.69	Total	513.18 ha	513.18 ha	The User Agency has confirmed that the proposed land use matches the approved mining plan. A comparative analysis shows identical figures for all components, ensuring compliance with the plan.
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4	In the land use details at the end of mine life, it has been mentioned that 159.12 ha area will be kept as void. Keeping in view the huge quantity of Over Burden proposed to be generated, the state shall give the justification to not backfill the mined-out area at the end of mine life.	<p>The Gondulpara Opencast Coal Mine has a planned operational life of 32 years, during which approximately 279.47 million cubic meters (MBCM) of overburden (OB) will be generated. Of this, 229.27 MBCM will be accommodated within the vested block area, while the remaining 50.20 MBCM will be temporarily stored in an external OB dump outside the block.</p> <p>Out of total 279.47 MBCM OB to be handled during the mine life, around 106 MBCM volume will be placed above the Original Ground Level (OGL) out of this around 50.20 MBCM has been placed as external Dump outside of block area. This external dump will be fully rehandled at the end of the mine life and utilized for</p>	<p>The User Agency has provided a detailed justification for leaving 159.12 ha as void at the end of mine life. As per User Agency Complete backfilling is not feasible due to operational and technical constraints.</p> <p>Due to concurrent and successive biological reclamation, the internal dump will have more than 25 year old plantation, hence it could not be used for back filling the mined</p>																																	

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		<p>backfilling the mined-out void to restore the area close to its Original Ground Level (OGL).</p> <p>The remaining OB left above the OGL is approx. 56 MBCM will be part of internal dump. Since the life of Mine is 32 years and plantation in internal dump cannot be done till the dump reaches the final planned elevation, which happens only after the 7th year. After the 7th year, biological reclamation will start and will progressively continue till the end of mine life. By the end of mine life, some of the plantation done on the internal OB dump will be more than 25 years old. If we were supposed to handle this 56 MBCM OB above OGL to fill the void, it would result in complete destruction of mature vegetation which is neither environmentally desirable nor operationally justified. This restricts further filling of void area.</p> <p>The quarry is planned for mining up to maximum depth of 300 meters. Thus, with complete rehandling of OB placed on external OB dump outside the block; and ensuring no destruction of vegetation done on the internal OB dump, a residual void is left out which will be converted into a shallow body (less than 30 meters depth), serving dual objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water resource augmentation in a water-scarce region. <p>Socio-economic benefits through fisheries</p>	<p>out area, while all the external dump, placed outside the blocks area is proposed to be fully utilized.</p> <p>As per approved mining plan about 159.12 Ha. area is planned as a shallow waterbody of 30 meter depth, after its gradual rehabilitation.</p> <p>If technically feasible, the user agency should try to completely backfill the mineout forest area.</p>

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		and related livelihood opportunities.	
5	<p>Out of the total 219.8 ha of forest land involved, an area of 65.23 ha has been earmarked for an external overburden (OB) dump located outside the mine block, and 24.59 ha has been earmarked for an OB dump within the mine block. The State Government shall provide detailed justification for the proposed use of forest land for a non-site-specific activity such as the external OB dump. Considering the presence of villages and non-forest land in the vicinity of the mining lease area, the State Government shall also clarify why the OB dumping cannot be carried out on nearby non-forest land, instead of diverting additional forest land for this purpose.</p>	<p>The requirement for an external OB dump arises due to the large volume of overburden (approximately 279.47 Mm³) generated during mining operations. While 229.27 Mm³ can be accommodated within the mine block, the remaining 50.20 Mm³ cannot be managed internally without sterilizing significant coal reserves and compromising mine safety. IIT Kharagpur's technical study (Attached as Annexure-2) confirms that rehandling within the block would reduce coal recovery from 70.21% to 45.13%, resulting in a loss of about 41 MT of coal and shortening the mine life from 32 years to 20 years which makes the project non-viable.</p> <p>The block and surrounding features are given in the figure below on the next page:</p> 	<p>The User Agency has provided technical justification for using 65.23 ha of forest land for external OB dump. IIT Kharagpur's study (Annexure-2) confirms that alternative dumping within the block would reduce significant coal recovery and make the project non-viable.</p>

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		<p>hilly or overlap with adjacent coal blocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coal-bearing status of nearby villages: Geological Survey of India borehole data and CMPDI certification confirm that land in the vicinity is coal-bearing making it unsuitable for OB dumping. • Safety and regulatory compliance: Maintaining statutory safety zones and slope stability as per CMR 2017 and DGMS guidelines. <p>Although the site involves forest land, The IIT Kharagpur study concluded that this is unavoidable given the terrain and land-use pattern. The selected site is included in the approved mining plan and has received Letter of Intent (LoI) from the State Government for use as an external OB dump area.</p> <p>A comprehensive reclamation plan is in place: the external dump will be rehandled at the end of mine life and brought back to original level to backfill the voids, followed by afforestation, ensuring restoration of the diverted forest land.</p>	
6	A forest area of 10.12 ha has been proposed to be utilized for the construction of roads and associated infrastructure.	As per the approved mining plan, 12.8 ha (2.49% of the total project area) is earmarked for roads and associated infrastructure, of which 10.12 ha is forest land . The detailed breakup is:	The User Agency has provided a detailed breakup of the 10.12 ha forest land proposed for roads and

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	<p>The State Government shall provide a detailed breakup of this area, indicating the specific area proposed for roads and the area proposed for various infrastructure components, along with a description of the type and purpose of each infrastructure facility. Further, since these are non-site-specific activities, the State Government shall also clarify why such facilities cannot be located on nearby non-forest land.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.N</th><th>Land-Use</th><th>Total Area</th><th>Forest</th><th>Non-Forest</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Coal Transportation Road</td><td>4.3 ha</td><td>4.3 ha</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Access Road to Quarry</td><td>1.5 ha</td><td>1.5 ha</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Coal Stockpile</td><td>2 ha</td><td>2 ha</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>Land falling between quarry and road in multiple patches</td><td>2.32 ha</td><td>2.32 ha</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>MFA, CHP and Other permanent Infra</td><td>2.68 ha</td><td>-</td><td>2.68 ha</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total</td><td>12.8 ha</td><td>10.12 ha</td><td>2.68 ha</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Percent of Total Project Area</td><td>2.49%</td><td>1.97 %</td><td>0.52 %</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Percent of Total Forest area proposed for diversion</td><td>NA</td><td>4.6 %</td><td>NA</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S.N	Land-Use	Total Area	Forest	Non-Forest	1	Coal Transportation Road	4.3 ha	4.3 ha	-	2	Access Road to Quarry	1.5 ha	1.5 ha	-	3	Coal Stockpile	2 ha	2 ha	-	4	Land falling between quarry and road in multiple patches	2.32 ha	2.32 ha	-	5	MFA, CHP and Other permanent Infra	2.68 ha	-	2.68 ha	Total		12.8 ha	10.12 ha	2.68 ha		Percent of Total Project Area		2.49%	1.97 %	0.52 %		Percent of Total Forest area proposed for diversion		NA	4.6 %	NA		<p>infrastructure. These facilities—such as coal transportation road, access road, and stockpile—are essential for safe and efficient mining operations and are mandated under the approved mining plan.</p> <p>This 10.12 Ha. forest land is only about 4.6% of the total forest land proposed for diversion and will be used for these essential components. These facilities are critical for safe and efficient mining operations and are mandated under the approved mining plan and statutory safety norms. Their placement within the lease area is indispensable, as internal connectivity for roads and stockpile is necessary to maintain operational continuity and compliance. Alternative non-forest land was assessed but found</p>			
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		unsuitable due to coal-bearing status, topographical limitations, and safety requirements. The layout has been carefully optimized to minimize forest land diversion while meeting technical and regulatory standards	
7	In the Part-II of the application form on the PARIVESH portal, it has been reported that the rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed forest land for diversion. The State Govt. shall submit the details in this regard along with effect of mining on these species.	Details of rare, endangered, or unique species and impact assessment will be provided by the State Forest Department during the clearance process. The user agency will fully cooperate and share any required data or support for this exercise.	A comprehensive list of these species has been prepared and annexed as Annexure-7 . An IWMP is required to mitigate the impact of mining activities on these species.
8	The state has informed that the proposed area is rich in wildlife and movement of elephants has been observed in the proposed area and its vicinity. Further, it has been mentioned that to mitigate the negative impact of mining on residents and migrating wildlife, it is imperative to develop and effectively implement a Site-specific Wildlife Management Plan. Keeping	A comprehensive WMP will be prepared by an accredited expert and submitted for approval. The plan will include measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife, including elephant movement along with the financial provisions, and will be implemented in coordination with the Forest Department. Comments from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) will be obtained by the State Government as part of the proposal processing and clearance mechanism.	To mitigate the impact of mining on wildlife, a site specific wildlife management plan is necessary.

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	above in view the comments of the CWLW shall be submitted.		
9	The Badmahi river passes through the mining block area. In this regard the comments/ NoC from the Water Resource Department shall be submitted.	The NOC from the Water Resource Department has been attached as Annexure-3 . However, the current mining plan does not propose diversion of the river. To ensure safe working conditions and prevent flooding, an embankment is planned along the river boundary in compliance with statutory norms.	The User Agency has submitted the NOC from the Water Resource Department (Annexure-3).
10	As per Part-II of the application form total 220.255 ha Non-Forest land (NFL) has been proposed for CA whereas the Nodal officer, Govt. of Jharkhand in his covering letter has mentioned that 228.55 ha NFL has been proposed for CA in the instant proposal. This variation needs clarification along with correct details and complete CA scheme, KML files and site suitability certificates for the compensatory afforestation sites.	For this project, the required amount of NFL for CA purposes is 219.8 ha. The details of CA Land mentioned in the covering letter of Nodal Officer mentions about the total CA Land as 228.55 ha was signed on 02/02/2024. However, an EDS was raised by the State Government (letter no. वन भूमि - 04/2024-1025, dated: 18/03/2024) regarding CA Land in which AEL was required to submit registered agreement from the present owners regarding willingness as per clause 2.2 (xii) of consolidated guidelines. Letter given below:	The User Agency has clarified the variation in CA land area. The required CA land is 219.8 ha, and the current proposal includes 220.25 ha after adjustments. Revised patches with all supporting documents KML files, DGPS maps, CA scheme and suitability certificates are uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.

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8	Raghunathpur	East Singh bhum	14.39		14.39		
9	Rupuskunri	East Singh bhum	0	Added	3.47		
10	Rajabasa	East Singh bhum	0	Added	3.08		
11	Tetardand (Patch-I)	Lohar daga	18.09	Removed	0		
12	Rorad	Lohar daga	10.57	Area Reduced	9.76		
13	Hundi	Lohar daga	4.68	Removed	0		
14	Tetardand (Patch - II)	Lohar daga	32.86	Removed	0		
15	Bardawni Kalan	Lateh ar	5.61	Area Reduced	4.3		
16	Lurgumi Khurd	Lateh ar	2.44		2.44		
17	Medhari	Lateh ar	2		2		
18	Durup	Lateh ar	3.88		3.88		
19	Tangarjhariya	Gumla	2.29		2.29		
20	Giri	Palamu	0	Added	23.88		
21	Littimara	Simdega	0	Added	20.87		
22	Tendrauli	West Singh bhum	0	Added	40.6		
			228.5		220.2		
			5		5		

All relevant documents such as KML, proof of ownership, suitability, DGPS maps, CA scheme, and other required documents regarding these patches are already uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.

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11	Details of coal evacuation plan and how the requirement of electricity and water will be met needs clarification and the involvement of forest land, if any, shall also be intimated.	<p>Coal Evacuation Plan: There are two railway sidings near the block named <i>Bes</i> and <i>Charhi</i>. The possibility of accessing them is under progress.</p> <p>Electric substation: It will be supplied through a proposed 33 kV transmission line owned by Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL), with a receiving substation proposed on non-forest land.</p> <p>Water requirement to be fulfilled by seepage of water coming in void area of quarry. Drinking water demands shall be met through boreholes. Necessary approvals from CGWA shall be obtained in due course.</p>	<p>The User Agency has outlined a coal evacuation plan and arrangements for electricity and water.</p> <p>At present, no forest land is proposed to be used for these activities.</p>
12	As per the DSS analysis, the following has been observed;	The KML file has been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	User Agency has uploaded the KML file on PARIVESH Portal.
	<p>a. The user agency has not uploaded the KML file for the forest land for which diversion is sought. The same shall be uploaded.</p> <p>b. The KML files/ Maps indicating different components of the project, including those proposed to be undertaken on non-forest land shall be submitted/ uploaded.</p>	Component wise detailed land use map has been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal in the "Additional Information Details" Section of Form A.	User Agency has uploaded the detailed land use map on the PARIVESH Portal in the "Additional Information Details" Section of Form A (Part-I).

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	c. The satellite imagery shows the presence of Brick Klins, Agriculture land, Settlements, Roads etc in the instant project boundary. The State Govt. shall give a detailed justification for each of the above-mentioned non-forestry activities within the proposed area.	The brick kilns, agricultural land, and roads observed in satellite imagery are pre-existing land uses. These activities are outside the control of AEL, and AEL has no role in such activities. Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) of the settlement in the project area shall be done as per approved R&R plan followed by the LAAR Act, 2013.	All the non-forestry activity seen in satellite imagery are under ground Verification and inspection, if any illegal encroachment is found, in notified and demarcated forest area, then legal action will be taken. If activities are found outside forest demarcation, the revenue authorities will be informed for appropriate legal action.
	d. Some of the proposed CA patches in villages namely Raghunathpur, Durup, Rajabasa, Medhari, and RORAD are falling within the forest compartment boundary as per the DSS analysis. The state shall ensure to provide non forest land for raising compensatory afforestation.	As per the DGPS survey duly certified by respective DFOs, CA patches in villages namely Raghunathpur, Durup, Rajabasa, Medhari, and RORAD do not fall within the forest compartment boundary, but they are adjacent to Forest. The supporting DGPS maps superimposed over cadastral maps clearly showing the forest boundary contiguous to the patches, duly signed by respective DFOs is attached as annexure-4 .	Compensatory Afforestation patches are located outside Hazaribagh West Division Area. As per user agency, the patches of C.A. land do not fall inside forest, but are adjacent to forest and the same has been certified by respective D.F.O's.
	e. In the patches proposed for Compensatory Afforestation (CA), located in village Littimara, it has been observed that a transmission line passes through the proposed	The suitability of the Littimara CA patch was assessed and certified by the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Simdega. The Non-Encumbrance Certificate (NEC) along with the suitability is attached as annexure 5 . As per the CA Scheme, if required low-height species may be planted to ensure	The User Agency has submitted the suitability certificate issued by the respective DFO's and Non-Encumbrance Certificate for the said patch in Annexure-5 .

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	<p>area. The State Government shall provide a clear justification for selecting this site for CA despite the presence of the transmission line, and clarify whether the entire area is suitable and available for undertaking compensatory afforestation activities.</p>	safety and compliance with statutory norms as per the CA Scheme.	
	<p>f. Agricultural activities are visible in CA patches in village Sundari, Bagdiha & Tamba-II. Further, Settlements and Agriculture land are there in the CA patches in village Raghunathpur, Rupuskunari and Giri. This needs clarification.</p>	An undertaking in reference to the same is attached as annexure 6 .	The User Agency has submitted an undertaking (Annexure-6) that all CA land will be cleared of any encroachment or unauthorized occupation before its formal transfer to the Forest Department.
	<p>g. Several of the proposed Compensatory Afforestation (CA) patches are less than 5 ha in area and are isolated in nature, which do not conform to the applicable guidelines. The State Government shall therefore identify</p>	<p>As per the consolidated guidelines issued under Van Sanrakshan E�am Samvardhan Rules of 2023, clause 2.2 (xi) "<i>land parcels, if contiguous to RF/PF, can be accepted for CA irrespective of their sizes, subject to their suitability</i>".</p> <p>All the proposed CA patches that are less than 5 ha in size are contiguous to Notified Forest Land which has been duly verified by respective DFOs as provided in</p>	The User Agency has confirmed these patches are adjacent to notified forests and verified through DGPS surveys and suitability of the said patches is certified by respective DFOs.

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	and propose CA in patches of appropriate size and suitability as per applicable guidelines. The requisite details of the revised CA areas including the Maps, kml files, CA schemes and suitability certificates shall be submitted.	<p>DGPS maps.</p> <p>The requisite details, including suitability certificates, DGPS maps, KML files, CA schemes etc., have been uploaded onto the PARIVESH portal.</p>	

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