



**कार्यालय : प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक,
बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखंड, राँची।**

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सेवा में,

सचिव,
वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग,
झारखण्ड सरकार, राँची।

विषय :- गोन्दलपुरा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे० वनभूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव (FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021) के संबंध में।

- प्रसंग :-
1. भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के पत्रांक F.No. 8-11/2025-FC दिनांक 10.11.2025
 2. क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक, हजारीबाग का पत्रांक 490 दिनांक 02.03.2026 एवं 906 दिनांक 10.04.2026
 3. इस कार्यालय का पत्रांक 392 दिनांक 24.04.2026
 4. वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग का ज्ञापांक 994 दिनांक 15.06.2026

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक संदर्भ में सूचित करना है कि भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के प्रासंगिक पत्र-1 द्वारा गोन्दलपुरा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे० वनभूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव (FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021) में 12 बिन्दुओं पर पृच्छा की गयी है, जिसका निराकरण प्रतिवेदन क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक, हजारीबाग के पत्रांक 490 दिनांक 02.03.2026 (छायाप्रति संलग्न) द्वारा इस कार्यालय को प्राप्त हुआ था। उक्त निराकरण प्रतिवेदन में पृच्छा संख्या-1 का अनुपालन अपूर्ण रहने के कारण संबंधित क्षेत्रीय पदाधिकारी से इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 242 दिनांक 23.03.2026 (छायाप्रति संलग्न) द्वारा वांछित प्रतिवेदन मंतव्य सहित माँगी गयी। इस संबंध में क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक, हजारीबाग के पत्रांक 906 दिनांक 10.04.2026 एवं वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग के ज्ञापांक 994 दिनांक 15.06.2026 (छायाप्रति संलग्न) द्वारा निराकरण प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त हुआ है।

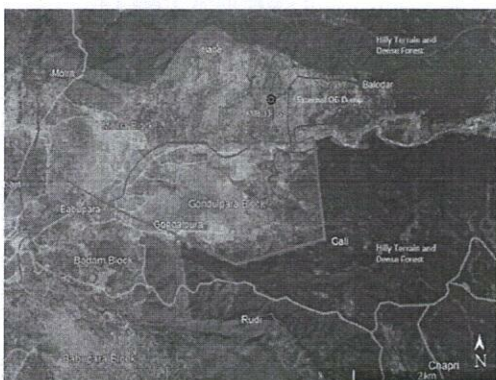
क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक, हजारीबाग/वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग के प्रतिवेदन के अनुसार निराकरण निम्नवत् प्रतिवेदित है :-

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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 of average annual	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 8 th 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. Details as per Para 7.8 of chapter 7 are attached as Annexure 1 .	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. RCCF, Hazaribagh reported vide letter no.-906 dt.-10.04.2026 that- 1. Justification for Opening a New Mining Lease:- The Gondulpara Opencast Coal Mine, situated in the North Karanpura coalfields of Hazaribagh district, Jharkhand, has been allocated to M/s Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) through vesting order No. NA-104/10/2020-NA dated 8 th March 2021, issued by the

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	production, location of these pits and the status of reclamation of forest land are exhausted minerals etc. The State Government is requested to submit the justification accordingly.		Ministry of Coal, Government of India. The project is site-specific and it spans over a total area of 513.18 hectares, of which 219.8 hectares area comprise of forest land. This site-specific project of coal mining is expected to help the country in ensuring uninterrupted energy supply, reducing reliance on imported coal, and stimulate economic development in the country. The project is also expected to generate substantial direct and indirect employment opportunities at local level, improve local infrastructure, and contribute significantly to state revenue through royalties and taxes. <u>2. Brief Profile of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL):-</u> Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) is the flagship company of the Adani Group, engaged in diversified businesses including natural resources, logistics, and energy. AEL is a private mining company. It operates multiple coal blocks across India. <u>3. Existing Mining Leases in Jharkhand:-</u> The User Agency has informed that AEL has no existing Mining Leases in Jharkhand State. It is to confirm here that AEL has no other mining lease under the jurisdiction of Hazaribagh West Division. <u>4. Compliance with Open Cast Mining Guidelines (section-c of para 7.8):-</u> Solid Waste & OB Management: Approximately 279.47 MBCM of overburden (OB) is expected to be generated during the mine's life. Of this, about 229.27 MBCM is planned to be accommodated within the vested block through optimized internal dumping. However, the remaining ~50.20 MBCM OB is planned as an external dump, which has been decided after technical evaluation by IIT Kharagpur. (Annexure Attached) An area of 103.26 ha, adjacent to the block, has been proposed for external dumping. A study for site suitability study by IIT

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			Kharagpur was also conducted, which confirmed it as the most environmentally viable option with minimal forest impact and avoidance of coal-bearing zones. This external dump is incorporated in the mining plan, which is duly approved by the Ministry of Coal. As per the approved mining plan, all OB placed in the external dump will be fully remanded at the time of mine closure to backfill voids, restoring the land close to its original ground level and enabling post-mining reclamation and afforestation. Also, as per approved mining plan the topsoil is planned to be stripped and stored carefully and will be reused during the reclamation process of the mine.																																	
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.	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, TenughatEmta 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. It is also clarified that the Gondulpara block was allocated to AEL under the CMSP Act through auction and not under the CBA	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. 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.																																	
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.	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: <table><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.	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. 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 backfilling the mined-out void to restore the area close to its Original Ground Level (OGL). 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. 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: • Water resource augmentation in a water-scarce region. Socio-economic benefits through fisheries and related livelihood opportunities.	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. 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 out area, while all the external dump, placed outside the blocks area is proposed to be fully utilized. As per approved mining plan about 159.12 Ha. area is planned as a shallow waterbody of 30 meter depth, after its gradual rehabilitation. If technically feasible, the user agency should try to completely backfill the mineout forest area.
5	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.	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. The block and surrounding features are given in the figure below on the next page:	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.

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	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.	 The proposed dump area emerged as only technically feasible option because: • Topography and space constraints: Other directions are hilly or overlap with adjacent coal blocks. • 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. 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. 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.																																														
6	A forest area of 10.12 ha has been proposed to be utilized for the construction of roads and associated infrastructure. 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.	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: <table><tr><th>S N</th><th>Land-Use</th><th>Total Area</th><th>Forest</th><th>Non-Forest</th></tr><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></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Percent of Total Project Area</td><td>2.49%</td><td>1.97%</td><td>0.52%</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></tr></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	The User Agency has provided a detailed breakup of the 10.12 ha forest land proposed for roads and 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.
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		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 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 Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (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 above in view the comments of the CWLW shall be submitted.	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. Comments of Chief Wildlife Warden is attached as Annexure-A
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	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. वनमू- 04/2024-	The User Agency has clarified the varification 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

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	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.	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: आरक्षक संकाय वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग पत्र संख्या-वन भूमि-04/2024- 1025- वनो, सौरी, दिनांक-18/03/24 प्रेषक: जलज कुमार, विशेष कार्य पर्यवेक्षक। सेवा में, प्रधान मन्त्री वन संरक्षण-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, आरक्षक, सौरी। विषय- गोन्दलपुरा डोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे. वनभूमि उपचोवन का प्रस्ताव (FPGH/MIN/139492/2021) के संबंध में। प्रार्थना- आरक्षक कार्यालय का पत्रांक-105 दिनांक-02.02.2024 संदर्भ- निदेशानुसार उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रारंभिक पत्र द्वारा प्रस्तावक द्वारा प्रस्ताव के संबंध में अनुबंध है कि निम्नलिखित विधुओं पर प्रतिलिपि विभाग को उपलब्ध कराने की वृत्त की जाय :- (i) CWLW का संलग्न। (ii) प्रस्ताव के विरुद्ध विधित CA land के लिए भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी दिशा-निर्देश की कठिनाई-2.2(xii) (अपारिधि संलग्न) के अनुसार Present owner के willingness संबंधी Registered Agreement की प्रतिलिपि। अनु-प्रतिक्रिया। निदेशक/अधीक्षक (जलज कुमार) विशेष कार्य पर्यवेक्षक। आरक्षक-वन भूमि-04/2024- 1025- वनो, सौरी, दिनांक-18/03/24 प्रतिलिपि-प्रधान मन्त्री वन संरक्षण, आरक्षक, सौरी/Vice President, Gondalpara Coal Project, Adani Enterprises Ltd., Adani Corporate House, Shuntigra, Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S.G. Highway, Khodiyar Ahmedabad-382421, Gujarat, India को सूचनाएं एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाई हेतु प्रेषित। 18/03/24 To comply with point no. (ii) of the letter mentioned above, Agreement was being executed between the present landowners and AEL. However, due to local issues the agreement was not obtained for some CA patches; also due to the same issue, the area for some of the patches was also reduced which was compensated by introduction of new patches in the proposal. A summary for the same is as below: <table><tr><th>S. N.</th><th>Village</th><th>District</th><th>Area (Ha.) in Nodal Officer Letter</th><th>Remarks</th><th>Current Proposed Area (Ha.)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Tamba-I</td><td>Khunti</td><td>20.19</td><td></td><td>20.19</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Sundari</td><td>Khunti</td><td>10.08</td><td></td><td>10.08</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Tamba-II</td><td>Khunti</td><td>23.44</td><td>Area Reduced</td><td>18.02</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Purnanagar</td><td>Khunti</td><td>18.59</td><td>Area Reduced</td><td>17.32</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Bagdiha</td><td>East Singhb hum</td><td>34.39</td><td>Area Reduced</td><td>17.04</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Kharbanda</td><td>East Singhb hum</td><td>8.05</td><td>Area Reduced</td><td>3.69</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Kulwadiya</td><td>East Singhb hum</td><td>17.01</td><td>Area Reduced</td><td>2.95</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Raghunathpur</td><td>East Singhb hum</td><td>14.39</td><td></td><td>14.39</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Rupuskunri</td><td>East Singhb hum</td><td>0</td><td>Added</td><td>3.47</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Rajabasa</td><td>East Singhb hum</td><td>0</td><td>Added</td><td>3.08</td></tr></table>	S. N.	Village	District	Area (Ha.) in Nodal Officer Letter	Remarks	Current Proposed Area (Ha.)	1	Tamba-I	Khunti	20.19		20.19	2	Sundari	Khunti	10.08		10.08	3	Tamba-II	Khunti	23.44	Area Reduced	18.02	4	Purnanagar	Khunti	18.59	Area Reduced	17.32	5	Bagdiha	East Singhb hum	34.39	Area Reduced	17.04	6	Kharbanda	East Singhb hum	8.05	Area Reduced	3.69	7	Kulwadiya	East Singhb hum	17.01	Area Reduced	2.95	8	Raghunathpur	East Singhb hum	14.39		14.39	9	Rupuskunri	East Singhb hum	0	Added	3.47	10	Rajabasa	East Singhb hum	0	Added	3.08	documents KML files, DGPS maps, CA scheme and suitability certificates are uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.
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		12	Rorad	Lohard aga	10.57	Area Reduce d	9.76	
		13	Hundi	Lohard aga	4.68	Remov ed	0	
		14	Tetardand (Patch – II)	Lohard aga	32.86	Remov ed	0	
		15	Bardauni Kalan	Latchar	5.61	Area Reduce d	4.3	
		16	Lurgumi Khurd	Latchar	2.44		2.44	
		17	Medhari	Latchar	2		2	
		18	Durup	Latchar	3.88		3.88	
		19	Tangarjhari ya	Gumla	2.29		2.29	
		20	Giri	Palamu	0	Added	23.88	
		21	Littimara	Simdeg a	0	Added	20.87	
		22	Tendrauli	West Singhb hum	0	Added	40.6	
				228.55			220.25	
		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.						
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.	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. Electric substation: It will be supplied through a proposed 33kV transmission line owned by Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL), with a receiving substation proposed on non-forest land. 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.						The User Agency has outlined a coal evacuation plan and arrangements for electricity and water. At present, no forest land is proposed to be used for these activities.
12	As per the DSS analysis, the following has been observed; a. The user agency has not uploaded the KML file for the forest land for which diversion is sought. The same shall be uploaded.	The KML file has been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.						User Agency has uploaded the KML file on PARIVESH Portal.
	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.	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 Kilns, 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.	CF, Hazaribagh informed vide its letter no. 994 dated 15.06.2026 (Photo copy attached) that the said land was inspected and DFO has reported that in village Gali and Balodar one kuccha road is there which is used by villagers as well as Forest Department. In some forest area there has been excavation of Soil for brick klin. Some agricultural activities is also seen which is seasonal in nature. Complain cases (Cases No. 202/2018, 2627/2023, 2676/2023, 2759/2023 and 1373/2025) has been filed under IFA 1927 against illegal encroachment & excavation in forest land. The cases are pending in court.
	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 sefacent to forest and the same has bee 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 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.	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 safety and compliance with statutory norms as per the CA Scheme.	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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	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.	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.
	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 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.	As per the consolidated guidelines issued under Van Sanrakshan Evam 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> ". 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 DGPS maps. The requisite details, including suitability certificates, DGPS maps, KML files, CA schemes etc., have been uploaded onto the PARIVESH portal.	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.

अतः क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक, हजारीबाग से प्राप्त अनुपालन प्रतिवेदन दो प्रतियों में इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर भेजते हुये अनुरोध है कि विषयगत प्रस्ताव पर आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने की कृपा की जाय।

अनु०:- यथोक्त।

विश्वासभाजन,

[Signature] 18/6/24

प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक,
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दिनांक

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विषय -

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(क) प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, रांची का ज्ञापांक 342 दिनांक 24.04.2026 एवं ज्ञापांक 506 दिनांक 08.06.2026

(ख) आपका ज्ञापांक 1060 दिनांक 29.04.2026

(ख) वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल का पत्रांक 2799 दिनांक 10.06.2026

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रासंगिक पत्र के संबंध में सूचित करना है कि विषयक परियोजना में भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के पत्रांक F.No. 8-11/2025-FC दिनांक 10.11.2025 द्वारा किये गये पृच्छा के बिन्दु संख्या 12(c) के संबंध में Non Forestry activity के विरुद्ध अबतक किया गया कार्यवाही की प्रतिवेदन की मांग की गई है।

इस संबंध में वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल ने संबंधित वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी, बड़कागांव प्रक्षेत्र से स्थलीय जांच प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त कर अपने मंतव्य सहित प्रतिवेदन समर्पित किया गया है, जो निम्नवत् है:-

1. मौजा गाली एवं बलोदर के अधिसूचित एवं सीमांकित वनभूमि में कच्चा सड़क पाया गया, जिस मार्ग को वन विभाग एवं ग्रामीणों द्वारा उपयोग किया जा रहा है।
2. मौजा के वनभूमि के अन्तर्गत कुछ क्षेत्रों से ईट निर्माण के लिये मिट्टी का अवैध उत्खनन कर कच्चा ईट तैयार किया गया है। परंतु चिमनी भट्टा वनसीमा से बाहर है एवं ग्राम गाली में एक पक्का मकान लगभग 4000 वर्गफुट में बना हुआ है, जो सीमांकित वनभूमि के बाहर है।
3. मौजा गाली एवं बलोदर में सीमांकित वनीभूमि के भीतर भूमि समतल एवं परती है, वहाँ पर कुछ ग्रामीणों द्वारा कृषि कार्य किया जा रहा है। यह अस्थायी प्रकृति की मौसमी खेती है।

साथ ही वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल द्वारा सूचित किया गया है कि अवैध अतिक्रमण/उत्खनन करने वालों के विरुद्ध वनवाद (कम्प्लेन केश) संख्या 202/2018, 2627/2023, 2676/2023, 2759/2023 एवं 1373/2025 दर्ज किया गया है, जो न्यायालय में विचाराधीन है।

अतः वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल से प्राप्त पत्र की छायाप्रति इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर भेजते हुए अनुरोध है कि अपने स्तर से अग्रेतर कार्रवाई करने की कृपा की जाय।

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आपका विश्वासी

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प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग

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दिनांक 15-06-2026

प्रतिलिपि प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड,
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Signature
15/06/2026

वन संरक्षक

प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग



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पत्रांक : 906

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आपका पत्रांक 242 दिनांक 23.03.2026

विषय :-
104/13/4/2026
प्रसंग :-
सहाय्य,

उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रासंगिक पत्र के संबंध में सूचित करना है कि विषयक परियोजना में भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा की गई पृच्छा के बिन्दु संख्या 01 से संबंधित प्रतिवेदन की मांग की गई थी। इस संदर्भ में वन संरक्षक, प्रोदेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग के पत्रांक 636 दिनांक 07.04.2026 तथा वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल के पत्रांक 2091 दिनांक 04.04.2026 द्वारा अपने मंतव्य सहित निम्न प्रतिवेदन समर्पित किया गया है :-

1. Justification for Opening a New Mining Lease:-

The Gondulpara Opencast Coal Mine, situated in the North Karanpura coalfields of Hazaribagh district, Jharkhand, has been allocated to M/s Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) through vesting order No. NA-104/10/2020-NA dated 8th March 2021, issued by the Ministry of Coal, Government of India. The project is site-specific and it spans over a total area of 513.18 hectares, of which 219.8 hectares area comprise of forest land.

This site-specific project of coal mining is expected to help the country in ensuring uninterrupted energy supply, reducing reliance on imported coal, and stimulate economic development in the country. The project is also expected to generate substantial direct and indirect employment opportunities at local level, improve local infrastructure, and contribute significantly to state revenue through royalties and taxes.

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Gondalpara Coal Mining Project 219.0 ha.

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4. Compliance with Open Cast Mining Guidelines (section-c of para 7.8):-

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An area of 103.26 ha, adjacent to the block, has been proposed for external dumping. A study for site suitability study by IIT Kharagpur was also conducted, which confirmed it as the most environmentally viable option with minimal forest impact and **avoidance of coal-bearing zones**. This external dump is incorporated in the mining plan, which is **duly approved by the Ministry of Coal**.

As per the approved mining plan, all OB placed in the external dump will be fully remanded at the time of mine closure to backfill voids, restoring the land close to its original ground level and enabling post-mining reclamation and afforestation. Also, as per approved mining plan the topsoil is planned to be stripped and stored carefully and will be reused during the reclamation process of the mine.

वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग द्वारा प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल के उक्त मंतव्य पर अग्रेतर कार्रवाई करने का अनुरोध किया गया है।

उक्त मंतव्य से अधोहस्ताक्षरी सहमत है। अतः प्राप्त प्रतिवेदन की छाया प्रति इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर भेजते हुए अनुरोध है कि विषयक मामले में अग्रेतर आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने की कृपा की जाय।

अनु०-यथोक्त।

आपका विश्वासी,

क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक,
हजारीबाग।



कार्यालय : वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग

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दिनांक 07-04-2026

प्रेषक,

ममता प्रियदर्शी, भा0व0से0,
वन संरक्षक,
प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग।

सेवा में,

क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक,
हजारीबाग।

विषय :- गोन्दलपारा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे0 वनभूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव (FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021) के संबंध में।

प्रसंग :- (क) प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, रांची का ज्ञापांक 242 दिनांक 23.03.2026
(ख) वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल का पत्रांक 2091 दिनांक 04.04.2026

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रासंगिक पत्र के संबंध में सूचित करना है कि विषयक परियोजना में भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के पत्रांक F.No. 8-11/2025-FC दिनांक 10.11.2025 द्वारा किये गये पृच्छा का निराकरण प्रतिवेदन भवदीय के पत्रांक 490 दिनांक 02.03.2026 द्वारा प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, रांची को समर्पित किया गया है, जिसमें उनके पत्रांक 242 दिनांक 23.03.2026 द्वारा भारत सरकार द्वारा पृच्छित बिन्दु संख्या 01 पर पूर्ण प्रतिवेदन की मांग की गई है, जिसका पूर्ण अनुपालन प्रतिवेदन वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल ने अपने पत्रांक 2091 दिनांक 04.04.2026 द्वारा समर्पित किया है, जो निम्नवत् है:-

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अतः वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल से प्राप्त पत्र की छायाप्रति इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर भेजते हुए अनुरोध है कि अपने स्तर से अग्रेत्तर कार्रवाई करने की कृपा की जाय।

अनुलग्नक-यथोक्त

आपका विश्वासी

वन संरक्षक

प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग



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हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल, वन भवन, हजारीबाग

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पत्रांक: 2091

दिनांक: 04/04/26

सेवा में,

वन संरक्षक,
प्रादेशिक अंचल,
हजारीबाग।

विषय:- गोन्दलपुरा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे० वन भूमि अपयोजन का प्रस्ताव संख्या FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021 के संबंध में।

- प्रसंग:-
- (1) भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली का पत्रांक F.N. 8-11/2025-FC दिनांक 10.11.2025
 - (2) प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, रांची का ज्ञापांक 242 दिनांक 23.03.2026
 - (3) आपका ज्ञापांक 547 दिनांक 26.03.2026

महाशय,

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पुनः प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, रांची का ज्ञापांक 242 दिनांक 23.03.2026 द्वारा भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा की गई पृच्छा का बिन्दु संख्या-1 पर पूर्ण प्रतिवेदन की मांग करते हुए प्रस्ताव को ऑनलाईन वापस की गई है।

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आपका विश्वासी

वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी,
हजारीबाग पश्चिमी प्रमंडल



कार्यालय : प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक,
बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखंड, राँची।

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पत्रांक :- 242

दिनांक :- 23/3/2026

सेवा में,

क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक,
हजारीबाग।

विषय :- गोन्दलपुरा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे० वनभूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव
(FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021) के संबंध में।

प्रसंग :- 1. भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के पत्रांक F.No. 8-11/2025-FC दिनांक 10.11.2025
2. आपका पत्रांक 490 दिनांक 02.03.2026

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक संदर्भ में सूचित करना है कि भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के प्रासंगिक पत्र-1 द्वारा की गयी पृच्छा का निराकरण प्रतिवेदन आपके कार्यालय पत्रांक 490 दिनांक 02.03.2026 द्वारा प्राप्त हुआ है। उक्त निराकरण प्रतिवेदन के पृच्छा संख्या-1 के निराकरण में संबंधित वन संरक्षक एवं वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी द्वारा केवल प्रयोक्ता अभिकरण के जवाब को भेजा गया है।

निदेशानुसार अनुरोध है कि प्रसंगाधीन पत्र-1 के पृच्छा संख्या-1 में किया गया पृच्छा का पूर्ण प्रतिवेदन समर्पित करने की कृपा की जाय।

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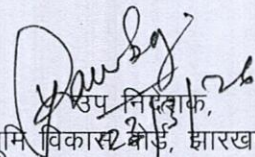
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बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखंड, राँची।

ज्ञापांक :- 242

दिनांक :- 23/3/2026

प्रतिलिपि:- वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग/वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग
पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषित।


उप निदेशक,
बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखंड, राँची।

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पत्रांक : 490

दिनांक : 02.3.2026

सेवा में,

प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक,

—सह—

कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड,
झारखण्ड, रांची।

विषय:-

गोन्दलपुरा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे० वनभूमि अपयोजन का प्रस्ताव (FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021) के संबंध में।

भवदीय ज्ञापांक 897 दिनांक 11.11.2025

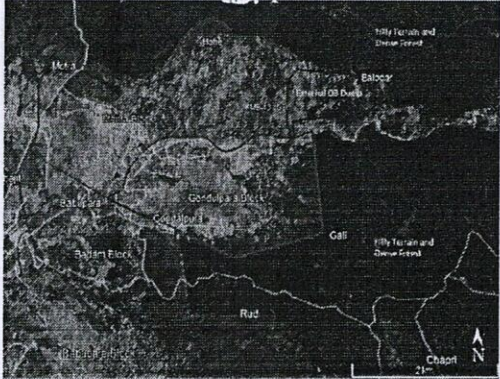
उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रासंगिक पत्र के संदर्भ में सादर सूचित करना है कि विषयक परियोजना गोन्दलपुरा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे० वनभूमि अपयोजन प्रस्ताव (FP/JH/MIN/139492/2021) में भारत सरकार वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली के पत्रांक F.No. 8-11/2025-FC दिनांक 10.11.2025 द्वारा कतिपय बिन्दुओं पर पृच्छा की गई है। इन पृच्छित बिन्दुओं का निराकरण प्रतिवेदन वन संरक्षक, प्रादेशिक अंचल, हजारीबाग के पत्रांक 335 दिनांक 21.02.2026 तथा वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पश्चिमी वन प्रमंडल के पत्रांक 374 दिनांक 03.02.2026 द्वारा इस कार्यालय को समर्पित किया गया है, जो निम्नवत् 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 of average annual production, location of these pits and the status of reclamation of forest land are exhausted minerals etc.	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 8 th 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. Details as per Para 7.8 of chapter 7 are attached as Annexure 1 .	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.	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.

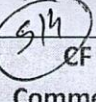
Gondalpara Coal Mining Project 219.0 ha. dt. 27.02.2026

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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.	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 Emta 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. It is also clarified that the Gondulpara block was allocated to AEL under the CMSP Act through auction and not under the CBA	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. 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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.																																	
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.	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: <table><tr><th>Land Use</th><th>As per proposal</th><th>As per Mining Plan</th></tr><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></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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.
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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.	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. 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 backfilling the mined-out void to restore the area close to its Original Ground Level (OGL). 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. 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: • Water resource augmentation in a water-scarce region.	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. 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 out area, while all the external dump, placed outside the blocks area is proposed to be fully utilized. As per approved mining plan about 159.12 Ha. area is planned as a shallow waterbody of 30 meter depth, after its gradual rehabilitation. If technically feasible, the user agency should try to completely backfill the mineout forest area.	I agree with the comments of DFO.

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	Socio-economic benefits through fisheries and related livelihood opportunities.		
5 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.	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. The block and surrounding features are given in the figure below on the next page:  The proposed dump area emerged as only technically feasible option because: • Topography and space constraints: Other directions are hilly or overlap with adjacent coal blocks. • 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	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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.

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	stability as per CMR 2017 and DGMS guidelines. 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. 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.																																															
6	A forest area of 10.12 ha has been proposed to be utilized for the construction of roads and associated infrastructure. 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. 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: <table><tr><th>S N</th><th>Land-Use</th><th>Total Area</th><th>Forest</th><th>Non-Forest</th></tr><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></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Percent of Total Project Area</td><td>2.49 %</td><td>1.97 %</td><td>0.52 %</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></tr></table> 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	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	The User Agency has provided a detailed breakup of the 10.12 ha forest land proposed for roads and 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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.
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		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 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/endorsed/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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.
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 above in view the comments of the CWLW shall be submitted	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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.
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).	The User Agency has submitted the NOC from the Water Resource Department (Annex-3).

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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. वनभूमि- 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:

आरक्षक सचिव
वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलसंधि परिचालन विभाग

प्र संख्या-वन भूमि-04/2024-1025- २०२४, सैबी, दिनांक-19/3/24

प्रति,
जगत कुमर,
विशेष कार्य पर्यवेक्षक।

सेवा में
प्रधान मन्त्री वन संरक्षण-एल-कार्यकारी निदेशक,
संरक्षक भूमि विकास बोर्ड, आरक्षक, सैबी।

विषय- गोंदपुड़ा कोल खनन परियोजना हेतु 219.80 हे० वनभूमि अधिग्रहण का प्रस्ताव (FPJH/MIN/139/02/2021) के संबंध में।

प्रति- आरक्षक कार्यालय का पत्रांक-105 दिनांक-02.02.2024

माहाना,
निदेशानुसार उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रारम्भिक पत्र द्वारा उपलब्ध कराए गए प्रस्ताव के संबंध में अनुचित है कि निम्नलिखित विषयों पर जोरिदेवन विभाग को उपलब्ध कराये की कृपा की जाए :-

(i) CMLW का प्रमाण।

(ii) प्रस्ताव के निरूपित CA land के लिए भूदाता सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलसंधि परिचालन संरक्षण द्वारा जारी दिशा-निर्देश नं० ३३३३-१३३३, (छायापट्टी संग्रह) के अनुसार Present owner के willingness संबंधी Registered Agreement की प्रती।

अनु-प्रतीति।

विश्वसम्मान
(जगत कुमर)
विशेष कार्य पर्यवेक्षक।

आरक्षक-वन भूमि-04/2024-1025- २०२४, सैबी, दिनांक-18/3/24

प्रतिनिधि-प्रधान मन्त्री वन संरक्षण, आरक्षक, सैबी/Vice President, Gondalpara Coal Project, Adani Enterprises Ltd., Adani Corporate House, Shantigram, Near Vaishno Devi Circle, S.G. Highway, Khodiyar Ahmadabad-382421, Gujarat, India को सूचना एवं अवकाश कार्यवाई हेतु प्रेषित।

विशेष कार्य पर्यवेक्षक।

The User Agency has clarified the verification 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.

I agree with the comments of DFO.

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1	Tamba-I	Khunti	20.19		20.19
2	Sundari	Khunti	10.08		10.08
3	Tamba-II	Khunti	23.44	Area Reduced	18.02
4	Purnanagar	Khunti	18.59	Area Reduced	17.32
5	Bagdha	East Singhbhum	34.39	Area Reduced	17.04
6	Kharbanda	East Singhbhum	8.05	Area Reduced	3.69
7	Kulwadiya	East Singhbhum	17.01	Area Reduced	2.95
8	Raghu Nathpur	East Singhbhum	14.39		14.39
9	Rupakunri	East Singhbhum	0	Added	3.47
10	Rajabasa	East Singhbhum	0	Added	3.08
11	Tetard and (Patch-I)	Lohardaga	18.09	Removed	0
12	Rorad	Lohardaga	10.57	Area Reduced	9.76
13	Hundi	Lohardaga	4.68	Removed	0
14	Tetard and (Patch-II)	Lohardaga	32.86	Removed	0
15	Barduni Kalan	Latehar	5.61	Area Reduced	4.3
16	Lurgumi Khurd	Latehar	2.44		2.44
17	Medhari	Latehar	2		2

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		18	Durup	Late har	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	Tendrali	West Singhbhum	0	Added	40.6		
					228.55		220.25		
		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.							
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.	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. 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. 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.						The User Agency has outlined a coal evacuation plan and arrangements for electricity and water. At present, no forest land is proposed to be used for these activities.	I agree with the comments of DFO.
12	As per the DSS analysis, the following has been observed; a. The user agency has not uploaded the KML file for the forest land for which diversion is sought. The same shall be uploaded.	The KML file has been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.						User Agency has uploaded the KML file on PARIVESH Portal.	User Agency has uploaded the KML file on PARIVESH Portal
	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.	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).	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 Kilns, 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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.
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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.
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 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.	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 safety and compliance with statutory norms as per the CA Scheme.	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 .	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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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.	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.	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.
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 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.	As per the consolidated guidelines issued under Van Sanrakshan Evam 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>". 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 DGPS maps. The requisite details, including suitability certificates, DGPS maps, KML files, CA schemes etc., have been uploaded onto the PARIVESH portal.	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.	I agree with the comments of DFO.

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अतः प्राप्त उक्त निराकरण प्रतिवेदन सभी अनुलग्नकों सहित इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न तीन प्रतियों में अग्रतर आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु समर्पित की जा रही है।

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