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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: 22nd June, 2022**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for non-forestry use of 126.72 ha (84.35 ha PF and 42.37 ha Jungle Jhari) of forest land for KDH Open Cast Mine in favour of M/s Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in Ranchi District, Jharkhand.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-06/2017-1201/V.P. dated 22.04.2022 on above mentioned subject, forwarding additional information sought by the Ministry vide letter dated 22.08.2019 and to say that the above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 13.06.2022. The minutes of the aforesaid meeting may be accessed at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). After examining the proposal, the FAC **decided to defer the proposal** to obtain the following information:

- i. The State Government, after scrutiny of the relevant provisions of laws, will ascertain and inform the applicability of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on the forestland acquired under CBA Act 1957, which has already been broken and still under the possession of the user agency i.e. still constituting the part of the project of the user agency.
- ii. The IRO, Ranchi, will carry out an in-depth examination of the issues related to unauthorized use of forestland allowed by the DFO concerned citing the justification of controlling the raging fires in the mining lease of user agency and a report on the same supported with documentary evidences shall be submitted to the Ministry. IRO will coordinate with the concerned authorities in the State for carrying out an in-depth examination of the matter.
- iii. The State Government will re-visit the suitability of CA land specially in view of encroachment reported over an area of 6.03 acres.
- iv.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish information/documents/comments as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

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**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ranchi.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC
6. Guard file