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सेवा में,

वन संरक्षक,
प्रादेशिक अंचल,
मेदिनीनगर, पलामू।

विषय :- मेसर्स हिण्डालको इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड द्वारा वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के तहत लातेहार वन प्रमण्डल अन्तर्गत चकला कोल ब्लॉक के लिये प्रस्तावित रेल मार्ग एवं सड़क मार्ग निर्माण हेतु 6.80 हे० वनभूमि अपयोजन का प्रस्ताव के संबंध में।

प्रसंग :- प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, रांची का ज्ञापांक 225 दिनांक 06.03.2024

महाशय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रासंगिक पत्र के संबंध में सूचित करना है कि मेसर्स हिण्डालको इण्डस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड द्वारा प्रस्ताव संख्या-FP/JH/Rail/156521/2022 चकला कोल ब्लॉक के लिये प्रस्तावित रेल मार्ग एवं सड़क निर्माण हेतु अधिसूचित वन भूमि 6.18 हे०, जंगल झाड़ी भूमि 0.62 हे०, कुल 6.80 हे० वनभूमि अपयोजन का प्रस्ताव Online Parvesh Portal पर दिनांक 01.12.2022 को प्राप्त है। प्राप्त प्रस्ताव के जाँचोपरान्त इस कार्यालय द्वारा अग्रेतर कार्रवाई हेतु अग्रसारित कर दी गयी है।

प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक-सह-कार्यकारी निदेशक, बंजर भूमि विकास बोर्ड, झारखण्ड, रांची का ज्ञापांक 225 दिनांक 06.03.2024 द्वारा पृच्छा (Query) की गयी है। प्राप्त पृच्छा (Query) के आलोक में प्रयोक्ता संस्थान का पत्रांक HIL/CH/Forest/2024-25/25 दिनांक 16.05.2024 द्वारा निराकरण प्रतिवेदन इस कार्यालय को प्राप्त है, जिसमें उल्लेख है कि :-

- (I) **Reason for this separate proposal for Rail & Road from earlier proposal for Chakla Coal Block:** Subsequent to the deallocation of the coal blocks by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and auction of the coal blocks conducted by Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India, New Delhi, Chakla Coal Block of Chandwa Block, Dist.-Latehar has been vested on bidding to M/s Hindalco Industries Limited under the provisions of Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 ("the Act"). "As per Section 8(4) of the Coal Mines Special Provision Act and Para 5.4 (ii) of the Forest Conservation Act Guideline of 2019 & 2023 issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, the forest diversion proposal initiated by the Prior Allottee (Essar Power Limited) for the Chakla Coal Block has also been transferred to Hindalco". As the earlier allottee Essar Power Limited had no plan to transport coal through rail/road hence did not apply for any such ancillary activity requirement outside the coal block. After vesting of Chakla Coal Block to HIL, coal evacuation route has been planned accordingly through rail as this a commercial coal block and Hindalco Industries Limited end use plants are in different district/state. MoEF&CC has also mandated commissioning of railway siding within the block. This condition has come off- late in July 2023. As the forest diversion proposal for coal block was vested which did not include any such ancillary activity requirement outside the block area. Hence a separate forest proposal has been applied in Parivesh 1.0 (online) for ancillary activity i.e. coal evacuation route from Chakla Coal Block (Copy attached).
- (II) **Forest diversion proposal for Chakla Coal Block of HIL under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 2023 is still pending:-** As per Section 8(4) of the Coal Mines Special Provision Act and Para 5.4 (ii) of the Forest Conservation Act Guideline of 2019 & 2023 issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, the forest

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diversion proposal initiated by the Prior Allottee (Essar Power Limited) for the Chakla Coal Block has also been transferred to Hindalco. EDS was raised by MoEFCC to submit the documents as provided under Para 5.4. A letter was received from DFO, Latehar on 10/06/2022 and the compliance to the EDS raised has been submitted which is under scrutiny. (Copy attached).

- (III) **Reason for separate alignment of Rail & Road on KML file with a water body in between:-** The Rail & Road alignment are parallel for almost complete proposed length where the elevation is same for both. However, there is small difference in elevation (7 mtrs) in a small portion of proposed length where the alignment for Rail & Road is shown separately. The waterbody located in between the alignment of rail & road is not going to be directly impacted by proposed construction activities.

प्रस्ताव में प्रासंगिक पत्र द्वारा किये गए पृच्छा (Query) के आलोक में प्रयोक्ता संस्थान द्वारा निराकरण प्रतिवेदन इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त है। प्राप्त निराकरण प्रतिवेदन से अद्योहस्ताक्षरी सहमत है, जिसे इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर सात प्रतियों में अग्रेतर कार्रवाई हेतु भवदीय को अग्रसारित की जा रही है।

अनुलग्नक : यथोक्त।

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