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Date:- 4/7/2023

To,

Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department, Mantralaya,
Mahanadi Bhavan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar (CG).

**Sub: Diversion of forest land for Non-Forest Purpose under Forest Conservation Act -1980
Construction of ITI, Polytechnic and other associated infrastructures in village-Chokawada,
Tehsil-Jagdarpur, District-Bastar, Under CSR activities of NMDC Ltd, area 9.80 ha -reg.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to letter no. F-5-02/2023/10-2 dated 01.06.2023 of the Government of Chhattisgarh on the above subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. From the scrutiny of the proposal, it has been observed that the proposal is part of CSR activity and it falls under non-site specific project as per Para 1.15 of Handbook of FC Act and guidelines, 2019. The position in the guidelines has been reiterated by the Ministry vide its letter dated 24.01.2022 (**copy enclosed**). The clarification mentions,

"For that matter no non-site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under FCA, 1980."

In view of the above rule position, the proposal is returned for necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

Chbkg
3/7/23

Chaturbhuja Behera, IFS
Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Sector-19, Aranya Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur (CG).
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.

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