FIELD VISIT REPORT OF RAJRAPPA OCP, CCL, RAMGARH

A team of Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi comprising of Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Scientist-E& Head, Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division alongwith Dr S. N. Mishra, Chief Technical Officer visited the Rajrappa Coal Mines on 20.01.2021 as per the directions made vide MoEF&CC letter No.8-21/2015FC dated 03.09.2020 addressed to The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi on the proposal seeking prior approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 277.15 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited for Rajrappa Open Cast Coal Mining Project in Bokaro Forest Division, District Bokaro (Jharkhand). The MoEF&CC advised that the biological rehabilitation works in the mined out areas and OB dumps are reportedly not satisfactory. The agency was directed to consult with the local institute of ICFRE (Indian Council of Forest Research and Education) to improve the result in this regard. The team for the purpose collected secondary data required for the biological rehabilitation works to be carried out in the over burden dumps of Central Coalfield Limited mines areas. Improvement strategies along with the future areas of collaboration were discussed with the Project Officer and Environmental Officer, Central Coalfield Limited.