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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
New Delhi-110 003
Dated: 31st July, 2009

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Diversion of 177.517 ha (101.658 ha + 75.859 ha) of forest land for KJST, Iron, Manganese & Bauxite Mines of Late S.N. Mohanty by his legal heir Sri Prabodh Mohanty in Sundargarh District, Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. 10F(Cons)14/2006.1202/F&E dated 04.08.2008 and letter No. 10F(Cons)14/2006.6928/F&E dated 05.05.2007 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the diversion of 177.517 ha (101.658 ha + 75.859 ha) of forest land for KJST, Iron, Manganese & Bauxite Mines of Late S.N. Mohanty by his legal heir Sri Prabodh Mohanty in Sundargarh District, Orissa was sought, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act, in-principle approval for the said diversion was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 06th November, 2008 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government have furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval vide letter No. 10F(Cons)-85/2009-13187/F&E date 29.07.2009 and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 177.517 ha (101.658 ha + 75.859 ha) of forest land for KJST, Iron, Manganese & Bauxite Mines of Late S.N. Mohanty by his legal heir Sri Prabodh Mohanty in Sundargarh District, Orissa, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. a. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost as envisaged.

b. Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 meters strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area as recommended by the State Government) shall be done at the project cost as envisaged. Besides this, afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost as envisaged.

c. The non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation should be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and should be declared as Reserved Forests / Protected Forests within a period of six months.

3. ✓ All conditions as per in-principle approval and agreed by the User Agency may be complied with.

4. ✓ The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

5. ✓ The User Agency shall take up Afforestation and soil moisture conservations works inside the forest area in 100 m. radius from the permitted lease area in consultation with the forest department. Wherever the forest density is less than 0.4, gap plantation should be taken-up.

6. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.

7. ✓ The user agency will make arrangement for free supply of coal/LPG to laborers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas.

8. The period of permission for lease under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 20 years subject to possession of valid lease by User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957.

9. Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar at every 20 Meter.


10. ✓ Mining/reclamation schedule shall be implemented by the user agency at their cost as per Environmental Management Plan / phased programme.

11. ✓ It shall be ensured that no permanent labour camps are set up inside the forest area.

12 ✓ All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines including environmental clearance and rehabilitation of tribal and other forest dweller shall be complied with.

13 ✓ Any other condition that the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable

Yours faithfully,


(B.K. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. ✓ The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.


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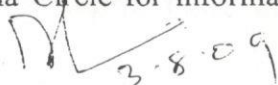
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Memo No. 11887 9F(MG)-161/2007

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 03 Aug., 2009

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Bonai Division for information and necessary action. He is requested to ensure strict compliance to the conditions imposed in the above final approval order by the User Agency and submit monitoring report on quarterly basis.

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action.


Chief Conservator of Forests
Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C. Act