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To

1. The Principal Secretary(Forests)
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(All States/UTs).

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- For installation of temporary Crushing and Screening Plants in the mining lease areas already approved for diversion by Central Government thereof.

Sir,

Ministry of Environment and Forests has received many representations from the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, State Governments, User Agencies and the Regional Office, Bangalore for the uniform guidelines for installation of temporary Crushing and Screening Plants in the already approved mining lease areas. The matter was examined by this Ministry in consultation with mining experts and was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under Section 3 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on 26-7-2004 and 24-8-2004. After careful examination of the matter by the FAC, and as per their recommendations, Central Government issues following guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for installation of temporary Crushing and Screening Plants in the mining lease areas already approved for diversion by Central Government:

Crushing, sizing, grading and screening operations by dry methods create significant air pollution, which have adverse effect on the health of humans and plants. Either dust extraction – a close system with dust collectors/cyclones or dust suppression measures should be provided to control the pollution. However, in a Mobile unit, a close system with dust extractions is not possible. In order to control the pollution from such units, following guidelines are issued:

1. To suppress the fugitive dust at crushing screen mobile plants, special water jets with mist spray should be provided at dumper platform, crusher, screens, transfer points and unloading points. At all transfer points, sprinkling of water with the help of spray nozzles will suppress the fugitive dust.
2. In sensitive areas, mobile crusher-screening unit should adopt wet dust suppression measures augmented by foam injection to control dust from the material handling and processing operations, if found necessary.
3. As an administrative control, any movement of these mobile plants should be informed to the State Pollution Control Board or Regional office of Ministry of Environment and Forests, to keep a track of their location and check pollution control measures taken by the operators.

4. As far as possible, no such unit should be located within 2 km from a Forest/Colony/National or State Highway without effective wet dust suppressing measures at the crusher, screen, transfer and unloading points.
5. There should be significant safeguards against noise pollution and safe noise levels should be maintained.
6. If found necessary for better control in such locations, prior permission to operate, shall be taken from the State Forest Department and the State Pollution Control Board.
7. Since all these are mobile operations, the local administration and forest officials should be kept posted with the change of location and possible time period of its operations within the leasehold.
8. Necessary permission under relevant Acts like Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the Air Act shall be taken by the user agency.

Yours faithfully,


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(Anurag Bajpai)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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