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To

The Principal Secretary,  
Forest Department (Forest Branch),  
Govt. of West Bengal,  
Aranya Bhawan, (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,  
KOLKATA – 700 098.

Sub:- Diversion of 0.562 ha of forest land in favour of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) for extension of Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur Pipeline from Durgapur Terminal to Muzaffarpur and Patna under Birbhum Forest Division.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter 1776-For/O/L/10T-07/2018, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for diversion of 0.562 ha of forest land in favour of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) for extension of Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur Pipeline from Durgapur Terminal to Muzaffarpur and Patna under Birbhum Forest Division, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the in-principle approval for the said forest land was accorded by Ministry vide this office letter of even number dated 05.11.2018, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested to grant final approval of the proposal.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Govt. vide their letter No.703-For/O/L/10T-07/2018 dated 30.04.2019, **State-II/final** approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is hereby granted under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.562 ha of forest land in favour of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) for extension of Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur Pipeline from Durgapur Terminal to Muzaffarpur and Patna under Birbhum Forest Division, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) Additional amount of NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, shall be charged by State Govt. from the user agency.
- iii) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 1.125 ha of degraded forest land identified in Plot No.2274, JL No.63 of Mouza Joydeb-Kenduli under Illambazar Tehsil of Birbhum district, against the area of forest land being diverted within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- iv) The State Govt./user agency shall take sufficient precautionary measures to protect the soil erosion of the proposed area.

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- v) The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- vi) Physical impact of the project shall be monitored regularly and any adverse impact on the area/around it shall be reported immediately and all work be stopped then.
- vii) The User Agency should ensure that no LPG or any hazardous substance is released at the work site and/or around it.
- viii) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, DGPS coordinates, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
- ix) No labour camp shall be allowed in the forest area.
- x) The user agency shall provide LPG to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and ensure no fuelwood use.
- xi) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.
- xii) The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.
- xiii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- xiv) The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- xv) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- xvi) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificates from the concerned District Collector.
- xvii) The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Eastern Regional Office of this Ministry.
- xviii) Any other conditions that the Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar of this Ministry may stipulate from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and wildlife, which shall be complied by the user agency.
- xix) The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal Order (s) pertaining to this projects, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.





- xx) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29.01.2018.

Yours faithfully,



(R.K. Samal)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Aranya Bhawan, LA-10A, Sector-III, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700 098.
4. The Chief Construction Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Pipelines Division), Construction Office, 34A, Nirmal Chandra Street, IBP House, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kolkata-700013, West Bengal.
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