

Stage - II

F. No. II-123/2003-FC
 Government of India
 Ministry of Environment & Forests
 (FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan
 CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
 New Delhi-110 003

Dated : 8th November 2005

To

The Secretary (Forests),
 Government of Maharashtra,
 Mumbai.

Sub: Diversion of 80.77 ha of forest land for Durgapur open cast coal mine project,
 in District Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. FLD-3603/CR-10/F-10 dated 28.10.2003 and subsequent letter No. Desk-17/NC/1/CR-11192/2691/04-05 dated 20.01.2005 and letter No. Desk-17/NC/1/CR-11192/1082/05-06 dated 26.09.2005 on the above mentioned subject whereunder the above proposal and compliance of various conditions was submitted, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 80.77 ha of forest land for Durgapur open cast coal mine project, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra, subject to fulfilment of following conditions :-

- (i) Legal status of the forest shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over degraded forest land double in extent to the area being diverted, i.e., over 162.00 ha and shall be maintained at the project cost.
- (iii) The lease period under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 8 years.
- (iv) The State Government should transfer amount of NPV and other funds to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPFA), which has already been constituted and notified by the Central Government on 23.04.2004. Till such time, the CAMPFA intimates the Head of Accounts for deposition of funds, the funds will be maintained in the form of fixed deposits in the name of Nodal Officer or concerned Divisional Forest Officer of the State Government. The funds realized towards the NPV shall not be utilized by the State Government.
- (v) RCC pillars of 4 feet height shall be erected to demarcate the area by the user agency at the project cost and will be marked with forward and back bearings.

The user agency shall raise, fence and maintain a safety zone around the mining area and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area one and half times in extent of the safety zone at the project cost.

- (ii) All necessary measures should be taken by the user agency to protect the environment.
- (viii) The user agency should implement the reclamation works as per the reclamation plan. Monitoring of the reclamation works should be done continuously by the State Forest Department. The user agency shall submit progress report of reclamation works to the State Forest Department and Regional Office, Bhopal.
- (ix) Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under strict supervision of State Forest Department, and at the cost of the project.
- (x) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (xi) Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.
- (xii) The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available wildlife.
- (xiii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xiv) The forest land thus diverted shall be non-transferable. Whenever the forest land is not required, it shall be surrendered to the State Forest Department under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Pankaj Antharna)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Maharashtra, Nagpur.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Bhopal.
User Agency/Shri M.K. Shukla, CGM, Coal India Limited, Core-1, 4th Floor, Scope Minar, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi.
5. RO (HQ)/Monitoring Cell, MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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