

Annexure-①

No. 8-173/81-M (C)  
Government of India  
Deptt. of Environment, Forests & Wildlife  
Krishi Bhawan

New Delhi, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1986.

To

The Secretary  
Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue & Forest Department  
Mantralaya  
Pune

Subj: Diversion of 502 ha. of forest land in Chandrapur district for grant of mining lease for lime stone to M/s Century Spinning and Manufacturing Company Ltd. (Kanikgarh Cement).

Sir,

I am directed to request you to refer your letter No. FLD. 3623/2765-II-F.3 dated 4th February, 1984 seeking approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land to non-forest use referred in the subject.

2. The proposal of the State Government has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted under Section 3 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. On the basis of the proposal of the State Government and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, approval of Central Government is hereby conveyed under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land to non-forest use subject to following conditions;

- (i) Lease area to a maximum of 264 ha. only in the reserved forest should be released for mining of lime stone for a period of 20 years as cleared by Department of Environment. The extent of 264 ha. of forest land should be clearly delineated as a compact block, inclusive of the relevant part of the private holding acquired by the company. The remainder of the private holding acquired by the company be made over to the State Forest Department.
- (ii) Besides the mining lease area, an area of 9 ha. of forest land may also be released for erection of aerial rope way.

- (iii) Compensatory plantation to be raised on suitable equivalent non-forest area at the cost of the company. The State Forest Department shall be responsible to work out a detailed scheme with firm cashflow arrangements and a time-bound programme, as a pre-requisite to allowing the mining operations.
- (iv) Mined over area to be reclaimed and restored after mining is over.
- (v) Adequate safeguard to be ensured to prevent soil erosion and air and water pollution in the vicinity.
- (vi) Arrangements to be made by the project authorities for free supply of fuelwood or other source of energy to the labourers engaged in the project to protect the surrounding forests from destruction.
- (vii) No explosives should be allowed to be stored in the forest area.
- (viii) The conditions/safeguards prescribed by the Deptt. of Environment, while clearing the project, to be followed rigidly.
- (ix) Legal status of the forest land to remain unchanged.

3. The State Government must submit a report regarding completion of action against those responsible for violation of law. The State Forest Department should closely monitor the implementation of conditions prescribed above and regular reports should be submitted to this Department on quarterly basis.

Yours faithfully,

( M.B. LAL ) 3/2/86  
Asstt. Inspector General of Forests.

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1. Chief Conservator of Forests (Cons)  
Maharashtra Forest Department  
Pune.
2. Guard file.

( M.B. LAL )  
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