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To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
BHUBANESWAR.Sub:- Diversion of 73.697 ha. of forest land for renewal of
Sukinda Chromite mine lease of M/s. TISCO in Athgarh Forest
Division of Jajpur district.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.10F(Cons)10/97-5380/F&E dated 15.1.97 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, for diversion of 73.697 ha. of forest land for renewal of Sukinda Chromite mining lease of M/s. TISCO in Jajpur district, subject to following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Penal compensatory afforestation will be carried out over eight times of 73.697 ha. of degraded forest land at the project cost.
- (iii) The user agency will bear the cost of fencing, protection and regeneration of safety zone area and also the cost of afforestation over one and a half times of safety zone area in degraded forest area elsewhere.

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(iv) Reclamation of mining area will be done at the project cost under the supervision of State Forest Department in a time bound manner not exceeding five years.

(v) Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at the project cost using 4 feet height. Concrete pillars having serial No., bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.

(vi) The user agency will provide free fuelwood to labourers and staff working at the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjoining forest areas.

(vii) The period of permission under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be 20 years, co-terminus with lease under the MMRD Act.

(viii) The environmental safeguards enclosed herewith will be strictly adhered to.

(ix) No fresh forest land will be broken up during the mining lease period.

(xii) Any other condition that the State Government may impose from time to time.

Disciplinary action against erring officials for violation of F(C) Act, 1980 shall be taken and compliance report shall be submitted at earliest.

Yours faithfully,

(V.B. KUMAR)

ASSTT. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS

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