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Dated: 26TH September, 2007

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Orissa,
Bhubaneswar.

FINAL APPROVAL ORDER

Sub: Diversion of 85.55 ha. of forest land in Sidhamatha Reserved forest in favour of Dr. Sarojini Pradhan for Iron and Manganese Ore Mining in Keonjhar District, Orissa.

Sir,
I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F(Cons) 23/ 2005/ 11994/ F&E dated 20.07.2006, wherein the above proposal for diversion of 85.55 ha. of forest land in Sidhamatha Reserved Forest in favour of Dr. Sarojini Pradhan for Iron and Manganese Ore Mining in Keonjhar District, Orissa was submitted seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

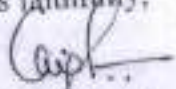
2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government granted in-principle approval to the said proposal under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, on 21.09.2006, subject to the fulfillment of certain stipulated conditions. State Government of Orissa has now submitted a compliance report of the said stipulated conditions vide letter No. 10F(Cons)-23/ 2005/ 13752/ F&E dated 27.08.2007. After considering the proposal and compliance of the stipulated conditions by the State Government, the Central Government hereby grants approval, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the diversion of 85.55 ha. of forest land in Sidhamatha Reserved Forest in favour of Dr. Sarojini Pradhan for Iron and Manganese Ore Mining in Keonjhar District, Orissa, subject to fulfillment of following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over equivalent non-forest land by the User Agency at the Project Cost.
3. The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of the State Forest Department and shall be declared as Reserved / Protected Forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or any other relevant Act of the State.
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt. II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006 in this regard.
5. The State Government shall deposit NPV and all other funds with the Ad-hoc Body of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in

Account No. CA 1585 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, Ground Floor, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.

6. 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 on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
7. The User Agency shall create, fence and maintain a proper safety zone around the mining area. The User Agency shall deposit funds with the Forest Department for the creation, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area, and also shall bear the cost of afforestation over one and a half time of the safety zone area.
8. Phased reclamation of the mine shall be carried out by the User Agency as per the approved Reclamation Plan at the Project Cost.
9. Demarcation of the area shall be done on the ground at the project cost using four feet high RCC pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distances from pillar to pillar.
10. Tree felling shall be done in a phased manner to coincide with the phasing of area to be put to mining with a view to minimize clear felling. The tree felling will always be carried out under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
11. The User Agency shall implement a 'Conservation Plan' in their lease hold area as per the guidelines of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa. The User Agency shall also pay the cost for implementation of the site-specific Wildlife Management Scheme.
12. The permission granted under the FC Act shall be co-terminus with the mining lease granted under MMRD Act or any other relevant Act or for 20 years, whichever is less.
13. No labor camps shall be established on the forest land.
14. Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.
15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
16. All other standard conditions stipulated for Mining Projects shall be complied with by the User Agency.

Yours faithfully,


(C.D. Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell / FC Division.
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