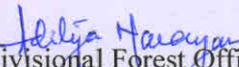


Recommendation

A proposal for diversion of 21.60 acres of forest land has been received in this office from Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited. The proposed area forms part of total 25 acres of land that was allotted to Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited by Adityapur Industrial Area Development Authority in 1998. This 21.60 acres of forest land itself forms part of 276.97 acres of forest land for which Adityapur Industrial Area Development Authority has submitted a proposal for diversion under provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi through its letter no. F No.-8-91/2009-FC dated 17.02.2015 and Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Jharkhand through its letter no. वनभूमि-88/2009/4717 dated 28.05.2018 had raised some queries regarding Adityapur Industrial Area Development Authority's proposal. Till date, Adityapur Industrial Area Development Authority is yet to comply with the above queries. In these circumstances the user agency i.e. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited now seeks to expand its LPG bottling plants situated in the forest area proposed for diversion. For this Environmental Clearance is necessary. One of the conditions for grant of environmental clearance as imposed by State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Jharkhand through its letter no. EC/SEIAA/2017-18/2051/2017/126 dated 05.06.2018 for the above activity is as follows:- Specific Condition No-2: *"Environment Clearance shall be valid subject to clearance of proposal no. FP/JH/IND/33374/2018 u/s. 2 of the Forest Conservation Act 1980 for diversion of fresh forest land"*. Thereafter Adityapur Industrial Area Development Authority was asked to furnish a NOC with respect to Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited's diversion proposal vide this office letter no. 874 dated 03.05.2019.

Adityapur Industrial Area Development Authority through its letter no. 555 dated 01.06.2019 submitted a NOC stating that it did not have any objection to the diversion proposal submitted by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited. In the light of above facts and circumstances and given that the expansion of the bottling plant will enhance the supply LPG to consumers, the above proposal is recommended for getting environmental clearance.


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