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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 42.417 ha. of already broken up forest land for renewal of Guali Iron Ore Mines in favour of M/s Shri R.P. Sao in Keonjhar Forest Division, Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F (Cons)-111/96.22495/F&E dated: 4-10-1996 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of 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 recommendations of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 42.417 ha. of already broken up forest land for renewal of Guali Iron Ore Mines in favour of M/s Shri R.P. Sao in Keonjhar Forest Division, Orissa, subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

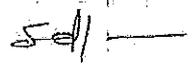
1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Penal compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest land double in extent of the diverted forest area ($2 \times 42.417 = 84.834$ ha.) by the State Forest Department.
3. Safety zone shall be regenerated and protected and plantations shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest lands elsewhere, over an area one and half times of the extent of the safety zone, by the State Forest Department, at the project cost.
4. The State Government shall deposit the above-mentioned funds including the funds collected for Net Present Value of diverted forest land, in form of Fixed Deposits in the name of concerned DFO/ Nodal Officer of the State, till such time the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) intimates the Head of Accounts for deposition of funds.
5. Demarcation of the area will be done in the ground in project cost. 4 feet high RCC pillars. The pillars shall indicate serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance between adjacent pillars.

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6. Electric fencing raised by the User Agency around mining trenches shall be maintained by them throughout the life of mine.
7. Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
8. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.
9. Concurrent Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the Regional CCF, Bhubaneswar. If it is found from the Annual report that the annual programme mentioned in Concurrent Reclamation Plan is not being adhered to by the user agency, the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time the annual programme is completed for that year.
10. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
11. 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.
12. Mining shall be done as per the approved mining plan.
13. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to the available wildlife.
14. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
15. The lease period shall be co-terminus with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957.
16. Any other condition that the State Government or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests shall also be applicable.

Yours faithfully,



(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (EZ), Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
4. RO (Hqs), New Delhi.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.
7. Guard file.



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