

**F. No. 8-76/2007 - FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: 3 November, 2015**

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Jharkhand,  
Ranchi.

**Sub: Diversion of 97.2477 ha (101.922 ha proposed originally) forest land for construction of North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project in favour of NTPC in district Chatra in Jharkhand – regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Jharkhand's letter no. Vanbhumi - 45 / 2007 / 3102 dated 27.06.2007 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, 'in-principle' approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 8.06.2009 read with letter dated 14.12.2009 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval for diversion of only 97.2477 ha as against 101.922 ha approved in-principle by the Ministry, with a request to exclude the 4.6742 ha of forest land from the 'in-principle' approval as the said land is not required by the user agency. The State Government has also certified that no non-forest activity has been taken up on the said land of 4.6742 ha. The Ministry has examined the matter and accepted the request of the State Government to exclude the 4.6742 ha of forest land from the total forest area approved for the diversion and accordingly amended Stage-I approval for diversion of 97.2477 ha was issued by the Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 3.11.2015.

Further, in this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter no. Vanbhumi-45/2007/6002 VP dated 6.02.2014 and Vanbhumi-45/2007/3284/VP dated 23.06.2015, final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 97.2477 ha (101.922 ha proposed originally) forest land for construction of North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project in favour of NTPC in district Chatra in Jharkhand subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land, double in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised by the State Forest Department from the funds already provided by the user agency;

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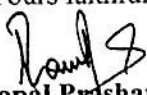
3. The project area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.
4. The User Agency shall ensure that ash disposal is carried out as per the detailed plan prepared for the purpose, and is in accordance with all environmental safeguards.
5. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake by involving local community, the afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
6. The User Agency pay the additional NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
7. The user agency should give an undertaking that it shall take all measures to prevent pollution by effluents, particulate matters etc at the project cost.
8. The user agency will develop a green belt along the power station and also along the water pipe line/channel.
9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
10. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
11. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
15. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
16. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;

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17. The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly.
18. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
19. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all conditions of Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Rajagopal Prashant)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2. The Addl. PCCF, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.
1. User Agency (NTPC).
4. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. Guard File.

  
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