

F.No.8-05/1993-FC (Pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi: 110003,

Dated: 23rd August, 2018

To,

✓ **The Principal Secretary (Forests),**
Government of Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow.


Sub: Renewal of 61.2348 ha (out of total 126.27 ha forests land granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980) in Renukut Forest Division, Sonbhadra for the construction of Ash Disposal Yard in favour of Renusagar Power Company Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. 1377/14-2-2012 dated 5.07.2012 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, ***In-principle approval*** was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13.02.2017 read with 24.07.2017 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh's letters no. 81/14-2-2018-911/92 dated 25.01.2018 and no. 2515/14-2-2018-911/92 dated 31.07.2018, ***Stage-II/Final approval*** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal of diversion of 61.2348 ha (out of total 126.27 ha forests land granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980) in Renukut Forest Division, Sonbhadra for the construction of Ash Disposal Yard in favour of Renusagar Power Company Limited for a period of ten years, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The State Govt. shall ensure that the non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act;
3. The State Govt. ensure that the user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India ;
4. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
5. The State Govt. ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land;


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6. The State Govt. ensure that 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;
7. The State Govt. ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land and mining lease shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
8. The State Govt. ensure that the layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
9. The State Govt. ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
10. The State Govt. ensure that 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;
11. The State Govt. ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
12. The State Govt. ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
13. The State Govt. ensure that the User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;
14. The State Govt. ensure that 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
15. The State Govt. ensure that the user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,


(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
2. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Lucknow.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard file.

Sd/-

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

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