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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
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S u b : Regularization of 555.759 ha of diverted forest land for the construction of Rihand Super Thermal Power Project under Renukoot Forest Division in Sonebhadra district of Uttar Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/UP/THE/36097/2018)- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. 4016/81-2-2023-800(269)/2023 dated 12.06.2024 on the above mentioned subject. In this context, before the proposal submitted by the state is examined, the State Govt. is requested to submit the following details:-

(i) The proposal for diversion of 744 .00 ha forest land has been given Stage-1 by the Ministry vide letter dated 23.8.1991. Instead of submitting the compliance of Stage-1 as directed by Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting dated 16.11.2007, the State Government has submitted the New proposal for regularization of 555.759 Ha. The State Government shall submit the justification for the same.

(ii) State Government shall submit the justification for completion of work before the Stage-II approval alongwith reasons for non-submission of compliance of Stage-1 approval prior to completion of work.

(iii) Action taken by State Government against violation shall be intimated.

(iv) Status of compliance of conditions of Stage-1 approval dated 23.08.1991 shall be provided along with details whether payment of Compensatory levies has been made by User Agency or not.

(v) Justification for delay in submission of compliance report till the matter was considered by FAC in 2017 and reasons for delay in compliance between 2017 to 2024, shall be submitted.

(vi) State Government shall submit the detailed chronology including the date of submission of proposal, date when execution of work started and date when work

was completed.

(vii) State Government shall submit detailed chronology including date when notification under Section-4 was issued, completion of settlement proceedings and date of final notification under Section-20 along with legal status and ownership details of the area proposed for diversion.

(viii) State shall inform the date when land was allotted to NTPC/User Agency for execution of work by the State alongwith the conditions of allotment.

(ix) State shall submit the legal status of the land in case of which forest diversion proposal of 146.31 ha of forest land for construction of ash dyke was submitted. It shall also be informed whether proposal for regularization of 555.79 ha also includes the said 146.31 ha of forest land or not? The state shall also inform whether any work in violation has been carried out in case of said Ash dyke or otherwise along with the timeline for the same.

(x) Initially, Ministry vide its letter No.8-412/89-FC dated 23.08.1991 has accorded in- principle/ Stage-1 approval of 744 .00 ha forest land. Now, the proposal is submitted for regularization of 555.79 Ha. In this regard, State Government shall submit the area change matrix giving comparative analysis of different components as per Stage-1 approval dated 23.08.1991 and that of fresh diversion proposal of 555.79 ha which has been submitted now.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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