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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Deptt.,
Govt. of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar.

Sub:- Re-diversion of 2.405 ha of forest land (out of already diverted 168.232 ha of forest land) for laying Iron Ore Slurry Pipeline over Water pipeline corridor (already diverted) from village Balangi to Integrated Steel Plant at Nisa, Angul by M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Govt. letter No.10F(Cons)132/2020-13008/F&E dated 28.08.2020, wherein prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for re-diversion (change of land use) of 2.405 ha of forest land (out of already diverted 168.232 ha of forest land) for laying Iron Ore Slurry Pipeline over Water pipeline corridor (already diverted) from village Balangi to Integrated Steel Plant at Nisa, Angul by M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited, was sought in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After due consideration of the proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change hereby conveys **approval** for re-diversion (change of land use) of 2.405 ha of forest land (out of already diverted 168.232 ha of forest land) for laying Iron Ore Slurry Pipeline over Water pipeline corridor (already diverted) from village Balangi to Integrated Steel Plant at Nisa, Angul by M/s Jindal Steel and Power Limited, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The State Govt. shall ensure the compliance of all the conditions stipulated in final approval/Stage-II order accorded by Ministry vide letter No.8-75/2008-FC dated 28.10.2010 & 29.01.2014 for diversion of 168.232 ha of forest land in Angul District of Odisha for establishment of an Integrated Steel Complex with Captive Power Plant by M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.
- ii. The user agency shall pay the NPV as per the approval granted under FC Act if not paid earlier.
- iii. The user agency shall abide by any other conditions that may be stipulated by the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC/State Govt. in future in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- iv. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground as proposed by the State Govt. and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.

- v. The user agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- vi. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.
- vii. The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.
- viii. The boundary of the forest land to be re-diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- ix. The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- x. The user agency to take necessary measures so that there is no soil erosion due to the slurry pipeline.
- xi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- xii. The user agency shall submit annual self monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry.
- xiii. The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- xiv. Non-compliance of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per Para 1.21 of Chapter-1 of Handbook of Guidelines issued under F.C. Act, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

Yours faithfully,

Padma Mahanti

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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The CCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Odisha, Aranya Bhawan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Authorized Signatory, M/s Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., Angul, Odisha.

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