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No. 8-87/96-FC

24th Feb, 99

To

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

Subject:- Diversion of 706.52 ha of forest land for renewal of
of mining lease in favour of M/s SAIL, Bolani Ore Mines,
Keonjhar District.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. 10F (Cons) -
19/97.26436/F&E dated 21st December, 98; this Ministry's letters of
even no. dt 29th May, 97 and 27th April, 98 on the abovementioned
subject.

2. The request made vide your above referred letter for
recasting of area statement of this proposal, was examined in
detail and considered carefully. Accordingly, the Central
Government hereby agrees in principle for approval of diversion of
465.62 ha. of forest land (160.73 ha. already broken up area +
37.25 ha. unbroken area to be worked during present renewal period
+ balance 267.64 ha. to be maintained as forest) for renewal of
mining lease in favour of M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd., in
Bolani Ore Mines in Keonjhar District subject to the fulfilment of
following conditions:-

- (i) Immediate action should be taken for transfer and
mutation of identified 304.89 ha. of non-forest land in
favour of the State Forest Department.
- (ii) The user agency will transfer the funds for
compensatory afforestation (revised as on date to
incorporate existing wage structure) over 304.89 ha.
area in favour of the State Forest Department.
- (iii) The user agency will transfer the cost of penal
compensatory afforestation (revised as on date to
incorporate existing wage structure) over 327.66 ha. of
degraded forest land,

(iv) The user agency will transfer the funds for fencing, protection and regeneration of 40.60 ha. of safety zone area and also the cost of afforestation over one and a half times of safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere, in favour of the State Forest Department.

(v) The balance 200.30 ha. of forest land not agreed to by this Ministry will be reverted back to the State Forest Department.

3. After receipt of compliance report on the fulfilment of the above mentioned conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency shall not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government.

4. This order supersedes all the previous orders issued vide this Ministry's letters of even no. dated 29th May, 1997 and dated 27th April, 1998.


Yours faithfully,


(JP Mishra)

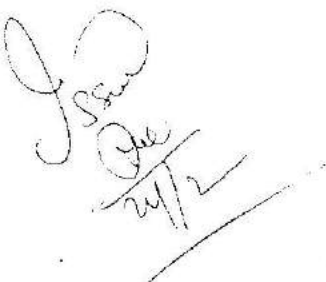
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