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PART - III

(To be filled up by the Secretary In charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

1. Recommendation of the State Government

The Proposal is recommended vide Government letter No.FLD-36A16/CR-410/F-10 Dated:03/01/2017

(Virendra Tiwari) 2 0 17 Chief Conseputor of Forests (Mantralaya)

Place: Mumbai

Date: 03/01/2017.

VIRENDRA TIWARI
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Government of Maharashtra

By Speed Post

No.FLD-36A16/CR-410/F-10 Room no. 456/ 461 Annex, Revenue and Forest Department, Madam Kama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032. Dated: 03/01/2017

To.

The Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environments, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi- 110 003.

Subject:-Proposal for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for 72.60 ha. forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Fusar, Tal. Charmorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli.

Sir.

M/s Abhijeet Corporate Ispat Alloys Ltd., Nagpur has submitted the proposal online on MoEF website for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 72.60 ha. forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Fusar, Tal. Charmorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli. The area statement is as shown as below:-

| Item of work | Village | District | Survey. No. | Area (Ha) | Legal Status |
|---|---------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| General approval under section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Iron Ore mining | Fusar | Gadchiroli | 12 | 72.60 | Reserved Forest |
| Total | | | | 72.60 | |

- 2. The proposal is for obtaining general approval under Section 2 (iii) of FCA, 1980 in accordance with the instructions of Government of India communicated vide their letters dt.17/11/2016 and 16/11/2016 for 72.60 ha forest land for Iron Ore mining in Dist. Chandrapur.
- 3. The Government of India, vide letter dt.17/11/2016 conveyed that the Ministry has decided that the user agency seeking permission under section 2(iii) of Forest Conservation

Act, 1980 shall apply online on the prescribe form which is available on http://forestclearnce.nic.in/ website. The detail guidelines/procedure for submission of application is available on website. In this regard only online application will be considered by Ministry.

- 4. Approval under Section 2 (ii) or 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the forest land included in the total mining lease area has not previously been obtained.
- 5. As per the report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Gadchiroli Division, Gadchiroli the area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density 0.4 to 0.6.
- 6. The proposed project is not falling in the Eco Sensitive Zone of the Protected Area as per the reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli Division, Gadchiroli.
- 7. The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc as reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli Division, Gadchiroli.
- 8. The User Agency has submitted the undertaking for payment of NPV of the forest land allowed to be utilized for the mining lease, against the forest land proposed for diversion.
- 9. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, as per the reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli Division, Gadchiroli.
- 10. The process for settlement of the rights under the Schedule Tribes and Other traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the proposed forest land for lease has not been completed by the User Agency.
- 11. The User Agency has submitted the Geo digital map with geo-reference boundary in shape file prepared by using total stations or differential GPS and also indicated forest land, non-forest land & adjoining land for general approval under Section 2 (iii) of FC Act, in different colors.
- 12. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.

13. In the circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that Government of India may kindly be moved for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for 72.60 ha. forest land for Iron Ore mining at village Fusar, Tal. Charmorshi, Dist. Gadchiroli and the same may please be obtained & communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Virendra Tiwari

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

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Encl: A) Set of case papers

- b) The following documents are enclosed:-
- 1. Prescribed form as per Rules
- 2. Area Statement
- 3. KML file, Geo-reference Map
- 4. Site Inspection Report
- 5. Mining Plan
- 6. Certificate in Part-III

Copy to:

- The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Government of India, Ministry of Environments, Forest and Climate Change, West Central Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Opposite Old VCA Stadium, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001
- 2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur
- 3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli
- 4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli Division, Gadchiroli
- 5. M/s Abhijeet Corporate Ispat Alloys Ltd., Nagpur
- 6. Select file F-10