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To

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

Sub: Diversion of 95.60 ha. already broken up forest land for renewal of mining lease in favour of M/s Orissa Mining Corporation Limited in respect of Daitari Iron Ore Mines in Keonjhar and Jajpur Districts, Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letters No. 10F (Cons)-90/97/19932/F&E dated: 20-10-97, 10F (Cons)-1/2002/578/F&E dated: 9.1.2002 and 10F (Cons)-54/2004/684/F&E dated: 11-1-2005 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 95.60 ha. already broken up forest land for renewal of mining lease in favour of M/s Orissa Mining Corporation Limited in respect of Daitari Iron Ore Mines in Keonjhar and Jajpur Districts, Orissa, subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Safety zone shall be regenerated and protected by the User Agency, and the plantations shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest lands elsewhere, over an area one and half times of the extent of the safety zone, by the State Forest Department, at the project cost.
3. The State Government shall deposit and maintain the funds including the funds collected for Net Present Value of diverted forest land, in form of Fixed Deposits in the name of concerned DFO/ Nodal Officer of the State, till such time the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) intimates the Head of Accounts for deposition of funds.
4. The RCC pillars already erected for demarcation of the area will be maintained by the User Agency at the project cost.
5. Trees shall not be felled.
6. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.

7. Concurrent Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency, from the very first year, and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer and the Regional CCF, Bhubaneswar. If it is found from the Annual report that the annual programme mentioned in Concurrent Reclamation Plan is not being adhered to by the user agency, the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time the annual programme is completed for that year.
8. The monitoring of reclamation work shall be done periodically by the State Forest Department and the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
9. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
10. Sufficient firewood shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers at the project cost after purchase from the State Forest Department/Forest Development Corporation.
11. Mining shall be done as per the approved mining plan.
12. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to the wildlife.
13. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
14. The lease period shall be co-terminus with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957, i.e., upto 26.01.2016.
15. A team involving District Collector, Divisional Forest Officer and a nominee of Chief Wildlife Warden of Orissa should be constituted at the district level to immediately take cognizance of and assess the damage, if and when caused, attributable to the project. Cost of damage will be paid by the user agency, and quantification and valuation of damage will be done on case to case basis.
16. Any other condition that the State Government or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests shall also be applicable.

Yours faithfully,

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(ANURAG BAJPAN)
Asst. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (EZ), Bhubaneswar.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
4. RO (Hqs), New Delhi.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell.
7. Guard file.

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