

No. 8-104/91-FC

Dated the 26th November, 1991

To

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Forest Department  
Government of Orissa  
Bhubaneswar.

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Cast Project in IB Valley area of Sambalpur district.

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I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F(Cons)-28/91/790  
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of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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Open Cast Project in IB Valley of Sambalpur district subject to  
the fulfilment of following conditions:-

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transfer and mutation of non-forest land in favour of  
the State Forest Department.
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afforestation in favour of the Forest Department.
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- iv) The user agency should deposit funds with the forest  
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- v) The proposal involves the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over an area of 5.547 ha. of forest land. The user agency should deposit funds with the forest department for raising compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest land to the extent of 11.094 ha. as a penalty for violation of Forest (Conservation) Act.

3. After receipt of compliance report on the fulfillment of the above 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 should not be effected by the State Government, till formal order approving diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

*(Signature)*  
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Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar.
2. The Nodal Officer, Bhubaneswar.
3. The Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Regional Office (HQ), New Delhi.
5. Guard file.

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