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Dated: 17.3.1997

The Secretary to the Govt. of Orissa,
Environment & Forest Department,
Bhubaneswar.

Division of 71.64 ha. of forest land for Bharatpur Cogenest
project, SECL, Talcher.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F(Cons) 54/89,
15251, FFAM dated 3rd July, 1989, on the above mentioned subject
seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with
Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State
Govt. and letter No. 1452/10F(Cons) 27/91-F&E dated 24th January,
1997 reporting the compliance laid down by this Ministry while
issuing Stage I clearance, the Central Govt. conveys its approval
under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion
of 71.64 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s. SECL, Talcher, subject
to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- (ii) Mined over area to be reclaimed/restored after the mining/
quarrying is over as per reclamation plan.
- (iii) Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over equivalent
non-forest land at the present cost. The non-forest land
identified for compensatory afforestation will be notified
by the State Govt. as protected/reserved forest.
- (iv) Construction of additional buildings will not be allowed
in the leased area other than those already existing. - However,
the user agency may use land upto 3 ha. only for construction
of road.
- (v) The lease period will be co-terminus with the lease granted
by FRI(PSO) Act for maximum of 30 years.
- (vi) After the expiry of the lease, the buildings... will
be handed over to the Forest Department.

those specified in the proposal.

- (viii) The user agency shall abide by any condition that may be imposed by the State Forest Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of the forest.

Yours faithfully,

(D.C. Khanduri)
Sr. Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Orissa, Bhubaneswar.
2. The CCF(Central), Bhubaneswar.
3. RO(HQ), New Delhi.
4. Guard file.
5. ✓ Mr. B.P. Singh, CGM(CC)/CPS to CMD, M/s. Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., Anand Vihar, P.D.U.C.E., Burla, Sambalpur, Orissa.

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