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(FC Division)

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The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 930.734 ha. (revised approved area 217.063 ha.) of forest land for renewal of flag stone mining lease in favour of 5 (five)-lease holders in district Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.

I am directed to refer to your letter no. 7/7/345/10/3/91 dated 11-2-1991 and compliance reports vide letter no. F-5/8/91/10/3 dated 8-3-2001 and no.F-2/81/96/10-9/05 dated 20-4-2005 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under 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 217.063 ha. of forest land for renewal of flag stone mining lease in favour of (five) lease holders (Budhon Rajapur Mines, Loharchha Mines, Bhilari Mines, Tehta Mines and Khada Mines) in district Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest land, area double in extent of un-broken area (296.13 ha.) at the project cost.
3. Penal Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over degraded forest land, area double in extent (434.126 ha.) at the project cost.
4. Demarcation of the area will be done on-ground at project cost using four feet high RCC pillars. The pillars shall indicate serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance between adjacent pillars.
5. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain a Safety Zone and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area, one and half times of the extent of the safety zone, over degraded forest land, elsewhere at the project cost.
6. The user agency shall protect the top soil at the project cost.
7. Mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by the IBM.
8. A phased concurrent reclamation plan shall be prepared by the User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department, to be approved by the Regional CCF, Bhopal, within a period of 3 months.
9. Concurrent Reclamation plan shall be executed by the user agency from the

Regional CCF, Bhopal. 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.

10. Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that too under the supervision of the State Forest Department.
11. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
12. 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.
13. The User Agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the wildlife.
14. The lease period shall be co-terminus with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957.
15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
16. Any other condition that the State Government or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forests shall also be applicable.
17. The in-principle forestry clearance granted in favour of 3 mines namely Gopalpur, Larabhakho (Mudkheda) and Kalapani (Karai Ahmedpur), vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 17-11-1998, is hereby cancelled with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal.

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