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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

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To
The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Sub: Diversion of 177.542 ha of forest land for construction of storage dam/reservoir over river Kurket for 1000 MW Raigarh Thermal Power Project in favour of M/s Jindal Power Limited in District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 1456/V/2004 dated 27.05.2004 and subsequent letter of Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management), Chhattisgarh, vide No. 11/LM/Electricity/1820 dated 13.07.2005 on the above mentioned subject whereunder the above proposal and compliance of various conditions was submitted 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 Government and on the basis of the recommendation of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 177.542 ha of forest land for construction of storage dam/reservoir over river Kurket for 1000 MW Raigarh Thermal Power Project in favour of M/s Jindal Power Limited in District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, subject to fulfilment of following conditions : -

- (i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over 296.00 ha of un-demarcated protected forest (i.e. orange areas) and 60.00 ha over protected forest area in Compartment No. 729, at the cost of user agency.
- (iii) The orange areas identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified as Reserved Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927.
- (iv) The entire reservoir area created due to submergence of forest and non-forest land shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927. However, regulated fishing shall be allowed.
- (v) The State Government shall deposit NPV and all the above-mentioned funds including NPV with Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), which has already been constituted and notified by the Central Government on 23.04.2004. Till such time, the CAMPA intimates the Head of Account for deposition of funds, the funds will be maintained in the form of fixed deposits in the name of Nodal Officer or concerned Divisional Forest Officer of the State Government. The funds realized towards the NPV shall not be utilized by the State Government.
- (vi) The user agency shall construct 4 feet high RCC pillars with forward and backward bearings to demarcate the area.
- (vii) Catchment Area Treatment plan should be implemented at the project cost.
- (viii) Trees shall be felled only when it becomes necessary and that should be done under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
- (ix) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.

- (x) 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.
- (xi) The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available wildlife.
- (xii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xiii) Raising of plantation including native tree species on the vacant lands along the reservoir should be carried out at the cost of user agency.
- (xiv) Water will be provided free of cost to the Forest Department for raising nursery/ plantations in the nearby areas.
- (xv) Any other condition which the State Government or Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal may stipulate from time to time in the interest of afforestation and protection and improvement of flora and fauna of the area shall also be applicable.

Yours faithfully,

(Pankaj Asthana)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. RO (HQ)
6. Guard file
7. Monitoring Cell

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