No. 8-298/83-FRY(Cons)
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
(Department of Agri. & Cooperation)
New Delhi, the 27th Jan; 1984

To,

The Deputy Secretary,
Forest Department,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Sub: Release of 3.33 ha. of forest land in Guna Distt. for Ruthai Water Supply Scheme.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 5/22/83/10/3 dated 8.7.83 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Cons) Act, 1980.

The proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Govt. under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the above mentioned Advisory Committee, the Central Govt. hereby conveys its approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Cons) Act, 1980 for release of 3.33 ha. of forest land in Guna Distt. for Ruthai Water Supply Scheme, subject to the following conditions:

1. The extent of forest land to be released will be
   a) Dam Seat
   b) Submergence 4 M below F.L.
   c) Canals
   d) Control room
   e) Reserves
   f) Approach road (15 M wide)

   Total: 463.33 ha.

2. Forest land will be released for rehabilitation of the oustees.

3. The production loss from the forest land should be made good by raising high density plantation, the volume of which must be equivalent to the volume of forest produce lost. This will be part of compensatory afforestation to be raised to offset the loss of forest cover at project cost. At least double the area being released should be planted at the cost of the Irrigation Department.

4. Fuel should be provided free of cost to the labourers engaged in construction of the dam.

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5. Regulated releases from the reservoir should ensure that at least the present level of lean season water flow down stream is ensured.

6. A master plan should be prepared for the rehabilitation of the oustees from the reservoir in the non-forest area.

Yours faithfully,

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