To

The Secretary (Forests)
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal

Sub.: Release of 77.55 ha. of forest land in Shivpuri Distt. for construction of Padarkheda Tank Project.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.F.5/1998/41/3 dated 29.9.90 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Cons.) Act, 1980.

2) After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Govt., the Central Govt. hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Cons.) Act, 1980 for release of 77.55 ha. of forest land in Shivpuri Distt. for construction of Padarkheda Tank Project subject to following conditions:

i) Legal status of forest land will remain unchanged.

ii) Tree felling will not be permitted between FTL/FRL and 2/4 metre below FTL/FRL.

iii) Compensatory plantations should be raised on equivalent non-forest area at the cost of the project. The non-forest lands, identified for this purpose should be handed over to the Forest Deptt. and notified as protected forests before the release of forest lands being diverted by these orders. Planting is to be done in one season following the year of clearance.

iv) Tree planting to be done on either side of the canal, road and fore shore of the reservoir and in the wasteland/vacant lands under the control of the Irrigation Deptt.

v) Water to be supplied free of cost to the Forest Deptt. for raising nursery and irrigation of forestry plantations in the command area.

vi) In order that the construction labour and staff while working on the project in the forest area may not cause destruction to the forest area for meeting their fuelwood needs, the user agency will establish fuelwood depots, and will provide the fuelwood to them free of cost or its cost deducted from their salary and wages.

The pipeline may be laid one meter below the ground and forest land be covered after laying the pipeline.

As a penalty for the violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, the project authorities has to bear to cost of re-afforestation of 2.56 ha. of degraded forests preferably in the catchment area with staggered contour trenches.

Yours faithfully,

(G. HARI KUMAR)

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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. CCF(Central), Regional Office, Bhopal.
3. Regional Office(HQ), New Delhi.
4. Guard role.

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