To

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal.

Sub: Diversion of 3106 ha. of forest land for Sindh Project Phase-II (Mohini Sagar Dam) in district Shivpuri.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.P-5/41/91/10/3 dated 13.6.95 & 10.11.95 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

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 the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3106 ha. of forest land for Sindh Project Phase-II (Mohini Sagar Dam) in district Shivpuri subject to the following conditions:

i) Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii) Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over double the degraded forest land at the project cost.
iii) The penal compensatory afforestation will be carried over double the degraded forest land at the project cost.

iv) The cost of the forest produce coming under submergence and affected due to the ancillary work in the proposed forest for diversion which has been deposited with the State Forest Department, will be over and above the plan and non-plan budget of the Forest Department and over and above the cost of compensatory afforestation and catchment area treatment. This amount will be utilised in rehabilitation of degraded forest elsewhere in the State.

v) The harvesting of trees/forest produce standing in the area should be taken up by the Forest Department/Forest Corporation. The sale proceeds may be given to the project authority deducting the working expenses and over head charges, since the Forest Department will be realising the cost of forest produce in advance amounting to Rs.4.71 crores.

vi) The catchment area treatment will be carried out as per the plan for Rs.50.7019 crores prepared by the state Government. The funds for first two years of the plan i.e. from 1.4.1996 to 1996-97 will be deposited in advance with the Forest Department before release of the forest land in favour of user agency. Catchment area treatment plan with physical target and financial outlay be furnished to this Ministry and to Forest Department of the State and report progress from time to time.

vii) Felling of trees will be permitted only upto 4 mt. below FPL.

viii) The user agency will open fuelwood depots at the project sites for the supply of fuelwood free of cost to the labour and staff working at the project site.


x) No forest land will be used for rehabilitation of displaced persons.

xi) This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.

Yours faithfully,

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