The Secretary
Forest Department
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Dhopol

subject: Diversion of 19.120 ha. of forest land for Dholka Irrigation Project in District Ratlam of Madhya Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no.F.5/6/89/10/3 dated 17.11.98 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 19.120 ha. of forest land for Dholka Irrigation Project in District Ratlam of Madhya Pradesh subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be carried out over equivalent non-forest land at the project cost and the area will be notified as PF/RF under the Indian Forest Act, 1927.
3. Catchment area treatment will be carried out as per the plan prepared and furnished with the proposal.
4. Plantation of native tree species will be undertaken on the vacant land of the Irrigation Department along the reservoir and canal side.

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v) Water to be made available free of cost for forestry activities in the vicinity of the project.

vi) Any other condition, which the State Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of afforestation and protection of forests.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. CHAUDHRY)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of M.P., Bhopal

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3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (C, Regional Office, Bhopal.

4. RO(HQ), New Delhi.

5. Gurga file.

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