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The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Forest Department, Vallabh Bhavan, Bhopal (M.P.)

Sub: Diversion of 3.54 ha protected & revenue forest land for laying pipeline & 33 KV transmission line for 1260 MW Electro Thermal Project Village- Gorakhpur and Barela in favour of Chief General Manager, Jhabua Power Limited in Seoni District of M.P.

Ref: 1. This office letter No. 6-MPB 006/2013-BHO/ 309 dated 18/02/2013

 APCCF (LM) & Nodal Officer, M.P. letter No. F-4/13/40/2012/10-11/vidhyat/ 1132 dated 23/03/2013

3. Adhoc-CAMPA, MoEF, New Delhi letter No.1-20/2013-CAMPA dated 18/04/2013

Sir,

I am to invite a reference to APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, M.P. letter No. F-4/13/40/2012/10-11/276 dated 17/01/2012 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government vide letter (1) referred above had agreed in principle for diversion of the above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to the fulfillment of condition No. 2(b), 3, 4 and 7 (b) stipulated therein.

The APCCF & Nodal Officer (LM) Madhya Pradesh vide letter (2) referred above has reported compliance and fulfillment of the said conditions 2(b), 3, 4, 5, 6(a) and 8 of the in-principle approval order.

The undersigned, therefore conveys formal approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 3.54 ha protected & revenue forest land for laying pipeline & 33 KV transmission line for 1260 MW Electro Thermal Project Village- Gorakhpur and Barela in favour of Chief General Manager, Jhabua Power Limited in Seoni distirct, subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by forest department over 4.15 ha non-forest land (Khasra No. 101/1, 100/2, 140 Van Surakha Samiti- Baajgondi, Tahsil- Ghansour, District-Seoni) at the cost of User Agency.

(b) This non-forest land shall be notified as reserved forest.

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  - (c) A copy of the Notification issued under section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 shall be sent to this office within six months from the date of handing over of this forest land to the project authority and the forest shall be notified as Reserved Forests under Section-20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 as per the provision of the said Act.
  - 3. a) Felling of trees shall be restricted to falling 755 in the area proposed for diversion.
    - b) Funds shall be deposited by User Agency for the trees to be felled in the Adhoc-CAMPA New Delhi.
  - 4. It will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage nearby forest flora and fauna.
  - Statutory provisions of various Acts and rules made thereunder applicable to the project shall be strictly followed.
  - The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
  - No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
  - All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines including the settlement of rights, if any, under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 shall be complied with before transfer of forest land.
  - 9. Any other conditions that the Central Government or APCCF (Central) of Western Regional Office, Bhopal may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, will be complied by the user agency.
  - 10. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest officer shall report through the State Govt. to this office as per procedure laid some clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on 25.10.1992.

<u>Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.</u>

Land shall be transferred after compliance of condition 3(b) & 10.

Yours faithfully,

( Lakhwinder Singh)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(C)

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