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No. E-34E/15-FC

Dated the 26th November, 1991

To

The Secretary
Forest Department
Government of Orissa
Bhubaneswar.

Subject: Diversion of 71.64 ha. of forest land in Dhenkanal district
for Bharatpur Open Cast Project of SECL, Talcher.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 10F(Cons)54/15/15251 dated 3rd July, 1991 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Govt., the Central Government hereby agrees in principle for approval for diversion of 71.64 ha. of forest land (68.64 ha. for mining purposes and 3 ha. for road construction from the safety zone) for Bharatpur Open Cast Project of SECL in Dhenkanal district of Orissa for a lease period of 10 years subject to the fulfilment of following conditions:-

- i) The State Government should take immediate action for transfer and mutation of non-forest land in favour of the State Forest Department.
- ii) The user agency will transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation in favour of the Forest Department.
- iii) Environment clearance to be obtained from the Environment Wing of this Ministry.
- iv) The user agency should deposit funds with the forest department for the protection, fencing and regeneration of safety zone area and also the cost of afforestation over one and half times of the safety zone in degraded forest elsewhere.

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3. After receipt of compliance report on the fulfilment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

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Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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