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Dated the ~~19th~~ November, 1996

To

The Secretary  
Forest and Environment Department  
Government of Orissa  
Bhubaneswar.

Stage I Approval Order

Subject : Diversion of 24.30 ha. of demarcated protected forest land for Chhendipada Opencast Project of MCL in Angul district of Orissa.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.10F(Cons)43/96/6820/F&E dated 18.3.1996 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 Government, the Central Government hereby agrees in principle for approval for diversion of 24.30 ha. of demarcated protected forest land for Chhendipada Opencast Project of MCL in Angul district subject to the fulfilment of following conditions:-

- i) Immediate action should be taken for transfer and mutation of equivalent non-forest land in favour of the State Forest Department.
- ii) The user agency will transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation (revised as on date to incorporate existing wage structure) in favour of the Forest Department.
- iii) A detailed reclamation plan should be prepared and sent to this Ministry after allocating sufficient funds for it in respect of mined out areas.

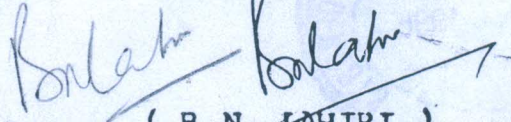
3. After receipt of compliance report on the fulfilment of the above conditions from the State Government, formal approval will be issued in this regard under Section-2 of the Forest(Conservation)

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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,

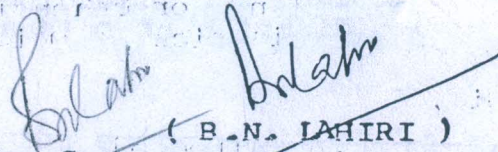


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