

No. 1114/1990 EC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
Deptt. of Environment, Forests & Wildlife

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To

September 28, 1990.

The Secretary  
Forest Department  
Govt. of Orissa,  
Bhubaneswar.

Subject: Diversion of 31.02 ha. of forest land in Dhenkanal  
Distt. for Ananta Opencast Coal Project.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. OF(Cons.)/87/2424/FFA dated 1.2.89 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. 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 release of 31.02 ha. of forest land in Dhenkanal distt. for Ananta opencast coal project, subject to the following conditions :-

- i) The legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii) Compensatory plantation to be raised over equivalent non-forest land at the cost of the project. The non-forest land identified for this purpose should be handed over to the Forest Deptt. and notified as protected forests before the release of forest lands being diverted by these orders.
- iii) Mined over area to be reclaimed/restored after mining/quarrying is over.
- iv) In order that the construction labour and staff while working on the project in the forest area may not cause destruction to the forest area for meeting their fuelwood needs, the user agency will establish fuelwood depots, and will provide the fuelwood to them free of cost.
- v) Arrangements to be made by the project authorities for free supply of fuelwood or other sources of energy to the staff and labourers engaged in the project free of cost.
- vi) No explosives should be allowed to be stored in the forest area.
- vii) The conditions/safeguards proposed by the Environment



Wing of this Ministry, while clearing the project,  
to be followed rigidly.

Yours faithfully,

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