

CHAPTER-5

CONDITIONS STIPULATED IN FORESTRY CLEARANCE

Whenever clearances are accorded for diversion/de-reservation of forest land under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, certain conditions to minimise impact on forest land are imposed by the Ministry. These conditions comprise of general conditions, which are stipulated in almost all the proposals; standard conditions, which are stipulated on types/category of projects and specific conditions, given below is illustrative and the Central Government or the State Government may impose any other additional conditions in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forests, wildlife and environment.

5.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- (i) Legal status of Forest land to remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation as per guidelines.
- (iii) Transfer and mutation of non forest land in favour of Forest Deptt. If applicable.
- (iv) Notification of such land as RF/PF under the Indian Forest Act, 1927
- (v) User Agency to provide fuelwood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the working at the site so as to avoid any damage & pressure on adjacent forest areas.
- (vi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposals
- (vii) Demarcation of lease area to be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward & back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar
- (viii) Rehabilitation of Project families, if any.
- (ix) Environmental clearance if required.

5.2 STANDARD CONDITIONS.

- (i) Minis Proposal
 - (a) Phased reclamation of mined area.
 - (b) Safety Zone area, its afforestation and fencing
 - (c) Afforestation on one and half times degraded forest land in lieu of the area used safety zone.
 - (d) In case of under ground mines, areas on surface to be fenced and afforested.
- (ii) Hydel an irrigation proposals
 - (a) Catchments Area Treatment Plan for medium and major projects.
 - (b) Minimum requirement of forest land for canals.
 - (c) Afforestation along the reservoir and Canals.
 - (d) No tree felling between FRL (Full Reservoir Level) and FRL- 4meters.
 - (e) Free water for forestry related projects.
- (iii) Road proposals
 - (a) Minimum trees to be felled.
 - (b) Strip Plantation on sides and central verge.
- (iv) Transmission line proposals
 - (a) Minimum trees to be felled.
 - (b) Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under transmission lines.

5.3 Specific conditions

These conditions are specific to the nature of the project and are stipulated on case to case basis by the Central Governments/ State Government.