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Special Secretary to Govt.

To

The PCCF, Odisha

Sub- Permission for laying of 32" dia slurry pipeline system by M/s JSW Utkal Steel Limited from their proposed Grinding, Beneficiation and Slurry Pumping Station at Gobardhanpur, Joda under Barbil Tahsil in Keonjhar district to their proposed Integrated Steel Plant at Paradip in Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha for transportation of 30MTPA Iron ore concentrate along and across the NHAI, IDCO, PWD and Water Resources Department roads within the additional Right of Way(RoW) of such roads, as re-assessed, involving 9.170Km of pipeline alignment passing through 0.9170ha. of forest land out of total additional RoW alignment of 48.246Km spread over three revenue districts of Odisha such as Keonjhar, Jajpur, and Jagatsinghpur {coming within the jurisdiction of three Forest Divisions such as Keonjhar, Keonjhar(WL) and Cuttack } (in addition to the RoW of roads belonging to NHAI, IDCO, PWD involving 39.854Km of pipeline alignment passing through forest area of 3.9856ha. out of total pipeline alignment of 245.587Km earlier approved for the project) within total RoW alignment of 293.833Km spread over five revenue districts of Odisha such as Keonjhar, Jajpur, Cuttack, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur (involving total length of 49.024Km of pipeline alignment passing through forest area involving 4.9026ha)

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to your letter No. 630 dt. 10.1.2019 in which Application dt. 10.9.2018 of M/s JSW Utkal Steel Limited seeking permission for laying of 32" dia slurry pipeline system by them from their proposed Grinding, Beneficiation and Slurry Pumping Station at Gobardhanpur, Joda under Barbil Tahsil in Keonjhar district to their proposed Integrated Steel Plant at Paradip in Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha for transportation of 30MTPA Iron ore concentrate along and across the NHAI, IDCO, PWD and Water Resources Department roads using additional Right of Way(RoW) of such roads involving 9.170Km of pipeline alignment passing through 0.9170ha. of forest land out of total additional RoW alignment of 48.246Km spread over three revenue districts of Odisha such as Keonjhar, Jajpur and Jagatsinghpur {coming within the jurisdiction of three Forest Divisions such as Keonjhar, Keonjhar(WL) and Cuttack}, has been processed as per guidelines prescribed by the Government of India, MoEF&CC vide their letter F.No. 11-9/98-FC dt. 16.10.2000 , No. 11-568/2014-FC dt. 2.2.2015 and F.No. 11-09/1998-FC dt. 12.12.2017 in the matter of development of

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infrastructures including laying of slurry pipelines through forest land of RoW of different kind of roads existing outside the Protected Areas for transporting mined minerals.

It is noted that M/s JSW Utkal Steel Limited is in the process of setting up the following projects in Odisha for which required in-principle approval of the High Level Clearance Authority(HLCA) of the State Government has been obtained by them.

- (a) Integrated Steel Plant(ISP) of 12MTPA & Captive Power Plant(CPP) of 900MW at Gadkujanga, Nuagaon, Dhinkia mouzas of Jagatsinghpur district.
- (b) Grinding & Beneficiation Plants in Sundargarh and Keonjhar district
- (c) Iron ore slurry pipeline system from Joda to Paradip

As part of the project activities indicated at (c ) above, the Applicant Company had earlier vide their application 15.6.2018 had sought permission for laying of Iron ore slurry Pipelines of maximum dia 800mm(32") over a length of 39.854Km through forest areas along/across the NHAI/R&B/IDCO roads within their respective RoW passing through different Forest Ranges of Keonjhar Forest Division , Keonjhar(WL) Division, Cuttack Forest Division and Rajnagar Mangrove(WL) Division under revenue jurisdiction of Keonjhar, Jajpur, Cuttack, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur districts of Odisha within total pipeline alignment of 245.587Km under this project. The depth and width of trench where the Iron ore slurry pipeline was to be laid in forest area was stated to be 2.00mt. and 1.00mt. respectively whereas such dimension(depth/width) of trenches in non-forest stretches of the alignment is 2.00mt and 1.5mt respectively. Technical feasibility report for laying of 32" dia slurry pipeline within a trench of 1mt width prepared by AUSENCO, USA for this project was also provided by the applicant company. This application was earlier considered and required permission was accorded by the State Government in F&E Department as per guidelines prescribed by the Government of India, MoEF&CC vide their letter F.No. 11-9/98-FC dt. 16.10.2000 , No. 11-568/2014-FC dt. 2.2.2015 and F.No. 11-09/1998-FC dt. 12.12.2017 and communicated to you vide letter No. 22027/F&E dt. 11.10.2018 subject to fulfillment of conditions prescribed therein. While applying for laying of iron ore slurry pipeline within the RoW of roads, as indicated above, it was then indicated that apart from the length of slurry pipeline alignment of 245.587km coming within the RoW of different roads, the proposed slurry pipeline was also to be laid beneath the ground over a length of 53.950km that does not come within the RoW of the existing roads thereby mentioning the total length of the proposed iron ore slurry pipeline alignment to be 299.537Km taking the length of alignment coming within RoW and outside Row together.