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F.No.6-2/2000(ROHQ)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests

Paryavaran Bhawan
C.G.O Complex, New delhi - 3

11th October 2002

ORDER

Sub: Suspension of implementation of working plan in compliance of the direction given by the Supreme Court of India on 22.09.2000 in IA.No.424 in W.R.No.202/95.

Honourable Supreme Court of India vide order dated 22.09.2000 in IA No.424 in W.P.(Civil) No.202/95 has directed the Central Government to call for the particulars from each State and then reconsider the approved working plans and carry out modification so as to ensure that the regeneration commensurates with the felling of trees. In pursuance to the above order, the Chief Conservator of Forests of Regional Offices of the Ministry had requested the State Governments in October / November, 2000 and in April/May 2001 to furnish information required for reviewing the prescriptions of approved ^{working} plans. The Regional Offices had made repeated requests for furnishing information. Further vide MoEF D.O. letter of even No. dated 17.01.2002, the State Governments were requested to furnish complete information within 30 days time. It was also informed that failure to furnish information would compel Ministry to revoke the approvals given to various working plans of the States. Another D.O letter of even No. dated 01.08.2002 was issued requesting to furnish information within 15 days. However, complete information has not been received till now from West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Jhardhand, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

Because of non-submission of required information the approved working plans could not be reviewed to comply with the direction of the Supreme Court order. In view of the above and in exercise of power conferred under Supreme Court order dated 22.09.2000 in W.P. No.202/95, it has been decided to temporarily suspend all approved working plans of West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka,

Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh until further order. The concerned Forest Secretary and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests shall ensure that execution of all operations (logging of trees in particular) prescribed in approved working plans except regeneration, protection and afforestation works are immediately stopped. They shall also ensure that necessary information is made available to the Ministry at the earliest.

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(G.C.Basumatary)
Director.

Distribution:

- (1). The Chief Secretary of State Government of West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.
- (2). The Principal Secretary (Forests) of West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.
- (3). The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

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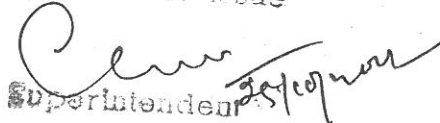
Endt. on C4-35756/00 dated ²⁵/10/02

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✓ CF, Orissa

Sd/-
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests

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Superintendent