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No. J-11016/120/83-IA-1
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests

Paryavaran Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi -110003

Dated June 9, 2006

To,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Madhya Pradesh, Mantralaya,
"Vallabh Bhavan"
Bhopal
Madhya Pradesh

Sub : Non-compliance with Environmental Clearance conditions by M/s Shree Maheshwar Hydrel Power Corporation Ltd. in respect of Maheshwar Hydro-Electric Project (400 MW) Madhya Pradesh and action thereof.

Sir,

I am directed to bring to the notice of the Government of Madhya Pradesh that it has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that M/s Shree Maheshwar Hydrel Power Corporation Limited have started construction at the site on their 400 MW Maheshwar Hydro-Electric Project (400 MW) near Mandleshwar town, Khargaon district in violation of the conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance letter of even number dated 1st May 2001,. Para 3(vi) of the aforesaid clearance letter had required the project authorities to submit a complete R&R Plan with details of proposed housing units, agricultural lands identified/ required/developed, implementation schedule, etc to this Ministry by **December 2001**. This Plan is yet to be submitted to this Ministry. The Monitoring Committee constituted by this Ministry vide Order No. J 11016/120/ 83-IA-I dated 1st May 2001 referred in Para 3(x) of the environmental clearance letter after inspecting the project site in February 2002 had also directed the project authorities to prepare a comprehensive R&R Action Plan with an implementation schedule and submit it before the financial closure is achieved and construction work is to be started.

The Central Government therefore in exercise of its powers under Section 5 of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 hereby directs the Government of Madhya Pradesh to get the ongoing work at the Maheshwar Hydro-Electric Project site suspended with immediate effect till a comprehensive R&R Plan is submitted by the project authorities and the same is found to be implementable by the Monitoring Committee after its second site meeting. A compliance report in this regard may kindly be sent at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,
R. Chandramohan
Joint Secretary to Government of India

Copy without enclosures to:

1. Shri S.P.Singh, Wholetime Director, Shree Maheshwar Hydel Power Co. Ltd.
P.O. Box No.1, mandleshwar, District Khargaon – 451221 (Madhya Pradesh)
2. The Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, MOEF, Bhopal.