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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests

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To

The Secretary (Environment),
Environment Department,
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

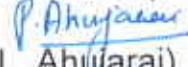
**Sub: 4X600 MW (2400) MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant of
M/s Jindal Power Ltd (JPL) at Tamnar in District Raigarh –**

Sir,

The Ministry of Environment and Forests received a proposal from M/s Jindal Power Ltd (JPL) at Tamnar in District Raigarh in Chhattisgarh for proposed 4X600MW power plant. The Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 31st March, 2009 prescribed the TORs for the above project for undertaking detailed EIA study. The proponent were also advised to submit the draft EIA report to the State Pollution Control Board for conducting public hearing. The final EIA report incorporating the response to the issues raised during the public hearing shall be submitted to the Ministry for obtaining environmental clearance.

2. In the meanwhile, Ministry received a complaint that M/s JPL have started construction of the power plant without obtaining prior environmental clearance. The Ministry constituted a team comprising of members from its Regional office, Bhopal, Chhattisgarh Environment conservation Board (CECB) and ex-officer of CPCB. The team inspected the site on 22nd May, 2010 and found that M/s JPL have gone ahead with the construction of power plant at the site where Ministry had earlier accorded environmental clearance for 4X250MW power plant. The construction of the power plant has been stopped. The regional officer of CECB had also inspected the site on 22nd February, 2010 and found the construction of the power plant has been undertaken without prior permission of the competent authorities. Construction of the power project without obtaining prior environmental clearance is in violation of the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.

3. You are, therefore, requested to take action against the unit by invoking powers under Section 19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for commencing construction of 4X600MW power project at Tamnar in district Raigarh in Chhattisgarh without obtaining prior environmental clearance.

Yours faithfully,

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