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SARDAR SAROVAR PROJECT

CONDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

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Office Memorandum

Subject: Approval of Narmada Sagar Project, Madhya Pradesh and Sardar Sarovar Project, Gujarat from Environmental Angle.

1. The Narmada Sagar Project, Madhya Pradesh and Sardar Sarovar Project, Gujarat have been referred to this department for environment clearance.
2. On the basis of examination of details on these projects by the environmental appraisal committee for river valley projects and discussions with the central and state authorities the following details were sought from the project authorities:
 - i. Rehabilitation master plan;
 - ii. Phased catchment area treatment scheme;
 - iii. Compensatory afforestation plan;
 - iv. Command area development;
 - v. Survey of flora and fauna;
 - vi. Carrying capacity of surrounding area;
 - vii. Seismicity; and
 - viii. Health aspects.
3. Field Surveys are yet to be completed. The first set of information has been made available and complete details have been assured to be furnished by 1989.
4. The NCA has been expanded and its terms of reference have been amplified to ensure that environmental safeguard measures are planned and implemented to depth and in its pace of implementation *pari passu* with the progress of work on the project.
5. After taking into account all relevant facts, the Narmada Sagar Project, Madhya Pradesh and Sardar Sarovar Project, Gujarat are hereby accorded environmental clearance subject to the following conditions:
 - i. The Narmada Control Authority (NCA) will ensure that environmental safeguard measures are planned and implemented *pari passu* with progress of work on projects.
 - ii. The detailed surveys/studies assured will be carried out as per the schedule proposed and details made available to the department for assessment.
 - iii. The catchment area treatment programme and the rehabilitation plans be so drawn as to be completed ahead of reservoir filling.
 - iv. The department should be kept informed of progress on various works periodically.
6. Approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land will be obtained separately. No work would be initiated on forest area prior to this approval.
7. Approval from environmental and forestry angles for any other irrigation, power or development projects in the Narmada Basin should be obtained separately.

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