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ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS,

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Assent -

Dear Shri Moilyji -

19th July 2010

SUB: LEGAL QUERY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIA REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF VEDANTA'S APPLICATION FOR FOREST CLEARANCE BY THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

I write to you to seek a formal legal opinion from the Attorney General of India on a matter of critical importance as prescribed under Article 76 of the Constitution of India read with Rule 5(a) of the Service Rules 1987 (being No.F.18(1)/86-Judl). Given the litigious history surrounding the case, it is imperative that certain substantial points of law be clarified for the Ministry of Environment and Forests to take an appropriate decision. The query is enclosed.

I must stress the urgency of the situation given the sensitive nature of the matter concerned.

I appreciate your guidance in this regard.

With regards,

Handwritten signature

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jairam Ramesh
(Jairam Ramesh)

Shri Veerappa Moily
Minister of Law & Justice
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi

Encl: as above