

F. No. 11-09/98-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi - 110 003
Dated: 21st August, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State / Union Territory Governments

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- General approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980-reg.

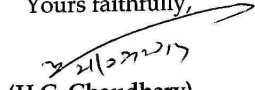
Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13th February 2014 on the above-mentioned subject wherein this ministry accorded general approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of not more than 1 hectare of forest land in each case, for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories by Government Departments.

This Ministry has received representations stating that apart from Government Departments, critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories mentioned in this Ministry's said letter are implemented by Government undertakings, Boards, Corporations *etc.* also. This Ministry has therefore, been requested to extend the said general approval for execution of these activities by the Government Undertakings, Boards, Corporations *etc.*

I am directed to say that after careful consideration of the matter, this Ministry has decided to extend the general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 accorded by this Ministry vide letter of even number dated 13th February 2014 for diversion of not more than 1 hectare of forest land in each case, for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories, specified in this Ministry's said letter dated 13th February 2014 by Government Departments, to creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories, specified in this Ministry's said letter dated 13th February 2014 by Government Undertakings, Boards, Corporations *etc.*

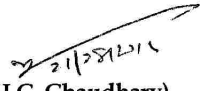
Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.:* Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director).

2. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
7. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
8. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), GoI.
9. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
10. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Director in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
11. Director Regional Office Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
12. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
13. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Environment and Forests.
14. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI.
15. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
16. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
17. Guard File.


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director