

F. No. 11-9/98-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi - 110 510  
Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

To

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

**Sub:** General approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure by Government Departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 read with this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the above-mentioned subject, wherein this Ministry accorded general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure of 13 categories, specified in this Ministry's said letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011, by Government departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land, in each case in 82 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts identified by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Home Affairs for implementation of the Integrated Action Plan (IAP). This Ministry vide its letter of even number dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 extended the said general approval to all category of public roads and quarrying of materials used in construction of public roads.

This Ministry has received representation from the Ministry of Home Affairs to extend the said general approval to the remaining 35 LWE affected districts, from among the 106 districts selected under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs, which have so far not been selected for implementation of the IAP.

The matter has been examined in this Ministry and after careful consideration, this Ministry hereby decides to extend the general approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure of 13 categories, specified in this Ministry's said letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and all the categories of public roads and quarrying of materials used in construction of public roads, as provided in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013, to the said 35 districts. Details of these 35 districts are annexed.

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The general approval to the above-indicated 35 districts shall be subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated by this Ministry in its letters of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> May— 2011 read with this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

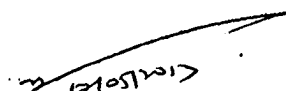
Yours faithfully,

  
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.
4. The Member-Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India New Delhi.
5. The 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.
9. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF.
10. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Director in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEF.
11. Director R.O. (HQ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
12. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF 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, MoEF.
15. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF.
16. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF.
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## Annexure

Details of 35 LWE Affected Districts From Among the 106 Districts Selected Under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme Being Implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Which Have So Far Not Been Selected For Implementation of the IAP

<u>Andhra Pradesh</u>	<u>Chhattisgarh</u>	<u>Maharashtra</u>
1. Anantapur	20. Dhamtari	31. Chandrapur
2. Guntur	21. Mahasamund	32. Aheri
3. Kurnool	22. Gariyaband	
4. Medak	23. Balod	<u>Orissa</u>
5. Mehboobnagar	24. Sukma	33. Dhenkanal
6. Nalgonda	25. Kondagaon	34. Bargarh
7. Prakasam	26. Balrapur	
8. Nizamabad		<u>West Bengal</u>
<u>Bihar</u>	<u>Jharkhand</u>	35. Birbhum
9. Bhojpur	27. Dhanbad	
10. East Champaran	28. Dumka	
11. Nalanda	29. Deoghar	
12. Patna	30. Pakur	
13. Muzaffarpur		
14. Sheohar		
15. Vashali		
16. Banka		
17. Lakhisarai		
18. Begusarai		
19. Khagaria		

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