

**F. No. 11-238/2019-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

To  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State/UT Governments

**Sub: Clarification on the extension of Guidelines dated 30.09.2019, issued for undertaking Seismic Survey for Hydrocarbon Sector, to Coal Sector projects- regarding.**


Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's guidelines No. 11-423/2011-FC dated 30.09.2019 specific to hydrocarbon sector for undertaking seismic surveys and exploratory drilling in forest areas. Ministry of Coal has requested to extend the provisions of the said guidelines to coal sector projects. Matter was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 28.11.2019.

Based on the recommendation of the FAC, Ministry hereby clarifies that provisions of guidelines dated 30.09.2019 will be applicable to seismic surveys for purpose of prospecting of different minerals including coal also.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

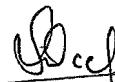
Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 14.01.2020

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State/UT Governments
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All State/UT Governments
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