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Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Regional Offices

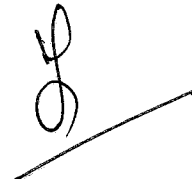
Subject : Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Simplified procedure for grant of permission for felling of trees standing on forest land to be diverted for execution of linear Projects - regarding

Sir,

Kindly refer to the guidelines dated 8th August 2014 and 15th January 2015 on the above mentioned subject. It has been brought to the notice by the Government of Bihar that one of the conditions imposed by the Regional Office while granting in-principle approval under Section 2(ii) of Forest Conservation Act for linear projects that “Transfer of forest land to user agency should not be effected by the State Government till formal order approving diversion of forest land is issued by the Central Government.”

2. In this regard it is clarified that as per the above referred guidelines read together the in-principle approval under FC Act may be deemed as the working permission for tree cutting and commencement of work if the required funds for Compensatory Afforestation, NPV, Wildlife Conservation Plan and all such compensatory levies specified in the in-principle approval are realized from the user agency and the transfer and mutation of non-forest land/ revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department has been given effect to.

3. Such working permission and order for felling of tree will be issued by the Divisional Forest Officer, if authorised by the State Government by an order, once the conditions stipulated in Stage – I FC are complied by user agency and required compensatory levies specified in the in-principle approval are realised from the user agency and the transfer and mutation of non-forest land/ revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department is effected.



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Kindly follow these guidelines while granting in-principle approval under Section 2(ii) of FC Act 1980 to linear projects.

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheeth Saxena)

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