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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(FC Division)

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CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi-110510,  
Dated: 08<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

To  
The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State/Union Territory Governments.

Sub : Recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>  
February 2013.

Sr.

I am directed to bring to your notice that while submitted the proposals seeking diversion of forest land, particularly those for transmission line projects, the State Governments are furnishing the information about total number of trees falling within the area proposed for diversion without giving details of trees which are actually required to be felled. On the other hand, many of the Nodal Officers of the States/user agencies while making presentations before the FAC, are indicating the actual number of trees to be felled which are different from those shown as affected in the proposal of State Government. You will appreciate the fact that in case of transmission line projects, the norms for felling of trees are well laid out and, therefore, it is possible to enumerate the trees which are actually required to be felled. This issue also caught the attention of FAC in its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 and after thorough discussions, FAC made following observations.

The FAC observed that generally in the proposals, especially those related to transmission lines, number of trees actually required to be felled are different from the total number of trees enumerated in the area proposed for diversion. The State Government is merely sending the total number of trees enumerated within the area proposed for diversion. This does not give clear picture about the trees affected by the project.

Therefore, FAC recommended that in the proposals where actual number of trees required to be felled are different from those enumerated in the proposed area for diversion, the State Government shall clearly mentioned the number of trees enumerated as well as the number of trees actually to be felled.

Accordingly, I am directed to say the proposals seeking diversion of forest land for transmission line projects, the State Governments shall clearly report the actual number of trees required to be felled as well as the number of trees enumerated in the total forest land proposed for diversion.

Yours faithfully,

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