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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
All States / Union territories

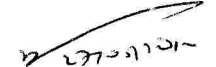
Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Guidelines regarding area of forest land falling in safety zone.

Sir,

I am directed to say that para 4.7 of guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 inter-alia provides that 7.5 meters strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area shall be maintained as safety zone area. In some quarters a doubt has arisen, whether safety zone area shall be kept within or outside the mining lease boundary.

After careful examination of the matter I am directed to clarify that safety zone shall be kept within the mining lease boundary. Area of safety zone of a mining lease shall be a part of the total area of the mining lease.

Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Prime Minister's Office (**Kind attn.:** Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director).
2. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India.
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all States/UTs.
6. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all States/UTs.
7. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

8. Joint Secretary, In-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF.
9. PS to the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
10. Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, all States/UTs.
11. Member-Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, all States/UTs.
12. All Directors/ Assistant Inspector General of Forests in Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC.
13. All Advisors/ Directors/ Dy. Directors in the Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC.
14. Director, Regional Office (Headquarters), MoEFCC.
15. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC with a request to place a copy of this letter on website of this Ministry.
16. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
17. Sr. PPS to Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
18. Sr. PPS to Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
19. PS to Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
20. Guard file.



(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director