

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

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**Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

**To**

**The Regional Officer**  
Integrated Regional Office  
Chandigarh

**Sub: Clarification on matter related to treating deemed forest land under the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 (PLPA, 1900) as Non-Forestland for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation-reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No: 9-PBB365/2019-CHA dated: 26.05.2020 seeking clarification on whether areas closed under PLPA 1900 and de-listed thereafter can be accepted as Non-Forest Land (NFL) for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation.

The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it is clarified that such areas can be accepted for Compensatory Afforestation under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to condition that the same are transferred, mutated and declared as RF/PF under the IFA 1927/local Forest Act.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Sd/-**

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

**Asst. Inspector General of Forests**

Copy to:

1. Principal Secretary(Forests), All State Governments/UT Administration
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State Governments/UT Administration
3. Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, All State Governments/UT Administration
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