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To

Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Sub : Clarification regarding consideration of areas under Zudpi Jungle / Chote Bade Jhad Ka Jungle, etc. and non-availability of non-forest land for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation.

Sir.

With reference to the subject mentioned above, I am directed to refer to the letter No LM/267 dated 21.01.2007 of the CCF (LM) & Nodal Officer (FC), and to say that the matter has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. On the basis of the recommendations of the Committee, it is clarified that: -

1. As the areas under Zudpi jungle / Chhote Bade Jhar ka jungle, etc. get covered under the definition of 'deemed forest' according to the order dated 12.12.1996 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, such areas can not be considered for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation against the diversion allowed under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. Certificate form the Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of non-forest land for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation can be accepted only when it is furnished in the form suggested under para 3.2 (v) of the Guidelines issued by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. Principal Secretary / Secretary (Forests), All State / UT Governments.
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