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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 State /Union Territory Governments

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Enumeration of trees available on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purpose- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that boundary of forest land required to be diverted for non-forest purpose is normally finalized jointly by the user agency and the local forest officials before a proposal seeking approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) is submitted to the Nodal Officer, FC Act in the State/ Union Territory. Enumeration of trees available on the forest land proposed to be diverted is however, undertaken after the proposal is received by the Divisional Forest Officer from the Nodal Officer.

After careful examination of the matter, I am directed to say that to expedite processing of proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the FC Act for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose, once the boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted is firmed up/finalized, the user agency, if so desires, may provide, in advance, a copy of map of the forests land proposed to be diverted to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer and request him to undertake enumeration of tree available on the forest land proposed to be diverted. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, in such cases, without waiting for receipt of the proposal, may after realizing appropriate fee, as the State Government may stipulate in this regard, authorize concerned officers having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be diverted to enumerate, in advice, trees available on the forest land proposed to be diverted.

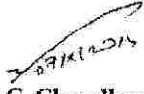
Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

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1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.*: Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director), North Block, New Delhi.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India, New Delhi.

3. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, New Delhi
5. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
7. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
8. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
9. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
10. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
11. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
12. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, GoI with a request to place a copy of this letter on website of this Ministry.
13. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI.
14. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI.
15. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
16. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
17. Guard File.


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