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**F. No. 11-623/ 2013-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(FC Division)

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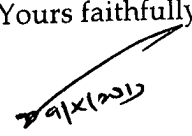
To,  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
All State/ Union Territory Governments

**Sub:** Diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters No 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013 on the above mentioned subject wherein this Ministry issued formats of certificate in respect of (a) linear, and (b) other projects in accordance with this Ministry's letters No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 and No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 wherein this Ministry issued detailed guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, and to say that all those proposals, where certificate in respect of settlement of rights under the afore-mentioned Act from the concerned District Collectors have already been obtained prior to issue of the said format by this Ministry, submission of fresh certificate will not be insisted upon, provided certificates issued by District Collectors, otherwise meet requirements of this Ministry's said letters dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Yours faithfully,

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy To:**

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
3. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
4. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
5. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF.

6. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in Forest Conservation Division, MoEF.
7. Director R.O. (HQ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
8. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
9. Guard File.

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