

F.No.11-37/2003-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
Dated the 30th August 2005

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.

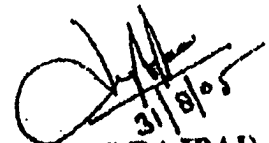
Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Clarification regarding applicability of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on the plantations raised on revenue waste land, community waste land etc., thereof.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.16(NOC)98/FP/PCCF/3602 dated:02-04-2004 and subsequent letter dated: 08-06-2005 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking clarification regarding applicability of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on the plantations raised on revenue waste land, community waste land etc.. In this regard, the Central Government clarifies as follows:

The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall be applicable to the notified forests and to such areas that are identified as 'forests' by the District level Committees (DLCs) constituted by the State / Union Territory Governments pursuant to the orders of the Supreme Court of India dated:12-12-1996 in Writ Petition (C) No. 202 of 1995 with reference to the dictionary meaning of the term 'forests', irrespective of its ownership."

Yours faithfully,



(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All States/UTs.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, All States/UTs.
4. Director (FC)/AIGs(FC).
5. All Regional Offices of Ministry of Environment and Forests.
6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, to place it on the web-site.
7. Guard File.