

F. No. 11-9/98-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.

Dated : 26.12.2007

To

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

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - guidelines related to general approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for underground laying of optical fibre cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines -reg.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 21.11.2005 where by general approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was granted for underground laying of optical fibre cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines for a period of two years ending 15.10.2007, has been further extended up to 31.12.2008 subject to the parameters and conditions already stipulated in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16.10.2000.

All the State / UT Governments are also requested to submit the details of all proposals approved earlier by them under these guidelines.

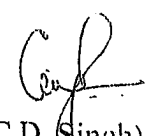
Yours faithfully


(C.D. Singh)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PMO, New Delhi (Kind attn.: Ms. Kalpana Awasthi, Director).
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary, Planning Commission, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.
6. All the PCCFs / Nodal Officers of all States/UTs.
7. All the Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
8. The Director General of Police (All States/UTs).
9. The Director (FC) / AIGs (FC).
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