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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

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- Exemption from the requirement obtaining prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for execution of temporary work in forest land - *reg.*

Sir,

I am directed to say that this Ministry has received representation that for execution of any temporary work in forest land, which does not involve any tree cutting prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) should not be insisted.

After careful examination of the matter, I am directed to say that temporary work in forest land which does not involve breaking up or clearing of forest land or portion thereof, or assigning by way of lease or otherwise to the firm, person or organization using such forest land temporarily; and does not create any right on such forest land of such firm, person or organization, will not require prior approval of Central Government under the FC Act. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations may authorize Officer of an appropriate rank, preferably the Divisional Forests Officer having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be utilised temporarily, to accord permission for such temporary activities.

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.
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3. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, New Delhi.