

F. No. 2-01/2003-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
FC Division

*Most Important*

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To,  
The Chief Secretary/Administrator  
(All States/UTs)

**Sub.: Diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – submission of proposals regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to inform that detailed guidelines for submission of proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 were circulated to all the State Governments/UTs by the Ministry of Environment & Forests vide letter no. 2-01/2003-FC dated 20.03.2003.

The Central Government has been receiving proposals from various States/UTs. While some proposals are satisfactory, a large number of proposals are found in-complete or lacking certain vital informations viz. Topo sheet showing the proposed area for diversion vis-à-vis forest boundary, Catchments Treatment Plan, Compensatory Afforestation Scheme etc. which causes delay in processing/placing the case before the Forest Advisory Committee for consideration. For these essentials details, State Governments/UTs are requested time and again, which causes further delay in finalizing the proposals.

It is, therefore, requested that the proposals may be scrutinized thoroughly before forwarding these to the Central Government. The role of the Nodal Officer at the State Government levels becomes very crucial in this regard. Therefore, the Nodal Officer may be suitably advised and directed to ensure submission of complete proposals to the Central Government. *kindly*

Yours faithfully,

*Ansar Ahmed*  
(Ansar Ahmed)

Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :

1. The Principle Secretary, all States/UTs
2. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, all States/UTs