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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

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To

1. **The Chief Conservator of Forests,**
Regional Office,
Banglore, Bhopal, Lucknow, Bhubaneshwar.
2. **The Nodal Officer,**
Forest Conservation,
Orissa, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa and Andhra Pradesh.

Sub: Modification of Para 4.17 of the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for grant of Temporary Working Permission over already broken up area.

Sir,

Para 4.17 of the guidelines, under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 relating to grant of Temporary Working Permission allows mining operations to continue over already broken up area, on an application from the user agency, provided the user agency has submitted its renewal application one year prior to expiry of the mining lease. However, during the course of implementation of these guidelines certain shortcomings have been noticed. The shortcomings and their implications were also discussed in the meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) held on 20.09.2004.

However, with a view to having wide ranging consultations for modifying these guidelines, and to remove all the shortcomings, it has been decided to obtain your views on the above subject. Kindly find enclosed a copy of the note highlighting the shortcomings as well as the proposed modifications in the above guidelines. It is requested that the same may be examined at your end and any suggestion for improvement in the proposed modifications may be forwarded which will be discussed in the next meeting of the FAC. The date of the next meeting will be communicated shortly and you would be requested to attend the same and present your views before the committee.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,


(Pankaj Asthana)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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