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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
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Dated: 23rd June 2004

To,

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Chhattisgarh
Raipur.

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980-clarification regarding realization of NPV for proposals involving underground works.

Sir,

Kindly refer to this office letter no. 5-1/98-FC (Part-II) dated 18.09.2003 vide which the guidelines for collection of Net Present Value was issued. In this regard it is clarified that this condition shall not be applicable in those project areas where underground works are to be undertaken and no surface rights have been given and no deforestation is involved. However, if the forest area is broken up for making any opening for underground works the NPV shall be payable for such breaking up of forest land.

Yours faithfully


(Pankaj Asthana)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Secretary (Forests), All States/UTs.
2. The Principal Chief conservator of Forests, all States/UTs.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, all States/UTs.
4. All AIGs/Director (FC).
5. President, Chhattisgarh Mineral Industries Association.