

F. No. 11-269/2012-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi - 110003.  
Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2012

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand,  
Odisha and Maharashtra

Sub: Proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for coal mining projects.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by the Cabinet Secretariat vide their O.M. No. 121/4/3/2010-Cab. dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 to consider the environmental and developmental issues relating to coal mining and other development projects *inter-alia* decided that concept of Go-No-Go for coal mining should be done away with and each of the proposals seeking diversion of forest land for coal mining be processed and considered by this Ministry on its merits.

Accordingly, I am directed to say that the State Governments may kindly process the proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for coal mining projects in accordance with said decision of the GoM and send them to this Ministry for its further necessary action to consider these proposals on case to case basis and on merit.

Yours faithfully,

  
(H. C. Chaudhary)

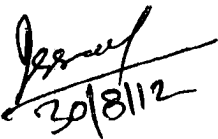
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Maharashtra
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Maharashtra.
3. The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhubaneswar and Bhopal.
4. Guard File.

  
(H. C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

  
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