

F. No. 5-3/2011-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 16th March, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)

All States/Union territories

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Guidelines for collection of Net Present Value (NPV).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 5-3/20009-FC dated 5th February, 2009 on the above-mentioned subject, wherein *inter-alia* it was stated that Net Present value (NPV) of forest land to be diverted for underground mining projects shall be realised at the rate of 50 % of the normal rates.

2. This Ministry received representations to exempt the forest land diverted for underground mining projects from the requirement of payment of NPV. The matter has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Section -3 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. After careful examination of the matter in this Ministry on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, I am directed to say that in case of underground mining projects where surface strain predicted by the 3-D subsidence prediction model is less than 20 mm/m, the NPV of the forest land diverted for such projects may be realised at the further lower rates, as below:

Surface strain predicted by 3-D subsidence prediction model	NPV Rates
Up to 5 mm/m	Nil
5 mm to 10 mm/m	10 % of normal rates of NPV
10 mm/m to 15 mm/m	25% of normal rates of NPV
15 mm/m to 20 mm/m	50 % of normal rates of NPV

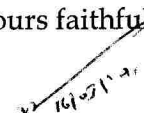
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4. In case of the underground mining projects where surface strain predicted by 3-D subsidence prediction model is more than 20 mm/m, for the purpose of NPV such projects shall continue be treated at par with the open cast mining projects and NPV of the forest land diverted for such projects shall be realised at the normal rates of NPV.

5. The afore-mentioned revised rates of NPV shall be applicable to the cases where in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been accorded after the issue of this letter.

This issues with approval of the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.:* Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director).
2. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India.
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
6. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
7. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), GoI.
8. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
9. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
10. Director Regional Office Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
11. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
12. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
13. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI.
14. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
15. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
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Director