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

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110510.
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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States/UTs.

Sub:- Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - procedure for utilizing the land for approach / exit road to petrol / CNG pumps.

Sir,

The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India has been receiving number of representations from different State / UT Governments and various Project Proponents seeking clarification in respect of detailed guidelines dated 15.07.2004 on procedure for utilizing the land for approach / exit road to petrol pumps. The representations / suggestions were discussed by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), constituted by the Central Government under section-3 of the said Act, in its meeting on 07.01.2010.

After careful examination of the proposal and on the basis of the recommendations of the FAC, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval for modifying the existing provisions of the guidelines dated 15.07.2004 for utilizing the land for approach / exit road to petrol / CNG pumps under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as given below:

1. The total frontage of 30 - 40 meter depending upon the request of the applicant be considered for clearance.
2. Excepting the entry & exit, the entire frontal portion should be maintained under some kind of shrubby or ornamental vegetation and never put to any commercial utilization including construction of buildings.
3. Entire periphery of the establishment should be lined up with tree plantation at a close spacing of 1.0 to 1.5 meter keeping an off set of 1.5 meter from the boundary, with light crown trees which will maintain greenery without compromising with the land requirement of the establishment.
4. The detailed guidelines issued by MoEF on procedure for utilizing the land for approach / exit road to petrol pumps dated 15.07.2004 may include petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG or any kind of fuel distribution.

The guidelines dated 15.07.2004 issued by the MoEF on procedure for utilizing the land for approach / exit road to petrol pumps stands modified to the extent mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,



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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament street, New Delhi for information.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum, New Delhi for information.
3. The Chairman, National Highway Authority of India, New Delhi for information.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All States/UTs for information.
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