

F.No.11-09/1998-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(FC Division)

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

Sub: **Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest land for non-forestry purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – guidelines related to general approval for underground laying of optical fiber cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines – on applicability to the slurry pipelines for transporting mined material – regarding.**

This Ministry vide F.No.11-09/1998-FC dated 16.10.2000 had issued guidelines conveying its general approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for underground laying of optical fiber cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines which involve no tree felling, are outside National Parks or Wildlife Sanctuary, are laid along the roads and within the existing right of way and the maximum size of the trench is 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width. The same dispensation is now extended for laying of slurry pipelines for transporting mined material with the same terms and conditions.


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