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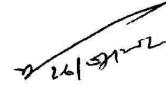
Sub: Assistance to the State of Uttarakhand for restoration activities in the aftermath of the June 2013 disaster.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Joint Secretary, Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs' e-mail dated 17th July 2013 on the above-mentioned subject, whereunder a copy of Note for Cabinet Committee for providing broad guidance to reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in Uttarakhand was sent to this Ministry for comments, and to say that to facilitate restoration and strengthening of the communication network to ensure expeditious rehabilitation of the flood affected areas in Uttarakhand this Ministry has taken the following measures:

- (a) Opened a Camp Office of its Regional Office, at Dehradun for a period of six months to expedite consideration and disposal of cases of diversion of forest land for non-forest use pertaining to the State of Uttarakhand. The Camp Office has started to function with effect from 19th July 2013.
- (b) Accorded general approval under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for a period of one year, for diversion of forest land, not more than one hectare in each case, for restoration/reconstruction including realignment, by the Government Departments, of roads/ bridges damaged in the recent floods and construction of helipads and ropeways in flood affected areas in Uttarakhand; and
- (c) Norms for providing land for creation of compensatory afforestation in respect of proposals seeking diversion of forest land above one hectare and upto five hectares in each case for restoration/reconstruction including realignment, by the Government Departments, of the roads/ bridges damaged in the recent floods have been relaxed by providing that in place of normal provisions, compensatory afforestation over degraded forest land equal in extent to the forest land proposed to be diverted, shall only be

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insisted. This relaxation shall be applicable subject to a maximum of total 50 (fifty) hectares of forest land for all such cases, during the next one year from the date of issue of this letter.



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