

F. No. 11- 232/ 2014-FC (pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi - 110 001
Dated: 24th July, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State /Union Territory Governments

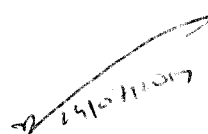
Sub: Web portal for online submission and monitoring of Forest Clearance proposals.

Sir,

I am directed to say that to ensure that the proposals seeking grant of forest clearance are processed in time-bound and transparent manner, a web portal (www.forestclearance.nic.in) for online submission and monitoring of proposals seeking prior approval of Central government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been launched by this Ministry on 15th July 2014. The portal will minimize the need for human interface between project proponents and officials dealing with Forest Clearance proposals in the Central and the State Governments. The portal will enable real time monitoring of the Forest Clearance proposals so as to ensure that time-lines stipulated for processing of these proposals by various authorities in the Central and State Governments are adhered to. The portal also has inbuilt features to ensure that proposals complete in all respect only are accepted. Valuable time will thus not be lost to seek and obtain additional information, once a proposal seeking Forest Clearance has already been accepted by concerned authority in the State Government.

To facilitate smooth transition, for the initial one month, the project proponents will have option to file forest clearance applications in both online mode through this portal or in the offline mode as is being done by them till today. From 15th August 2014 onwards, all new forest clearance proposals will be accepted only through online mode through this portal.

Accordingly, I am directed to say that State/UT Governments may issue appropriate instructions to ensure that proposals submitted through the portal are processed in the time-bound manner. Appropriate instructions, may also be issued to all concerned that from 15th August 2014 onwards, all new forest clearance proposals are accepted only through online

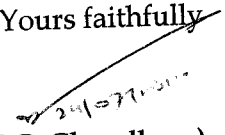

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mode. Proposals received in offline mode till 14th August 2014 will be processed as per the existing procedure. A training module in video format is available in the portal ([Link- How to apply online](#)).

To ensure use of the said portal by various field functionaries in the States/ UTs, hands on trainings for trainers on use of the said portal are scheduled to be organized at various Regional Offices of this Ministry as per the schedule communicated vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 30th June 2014.

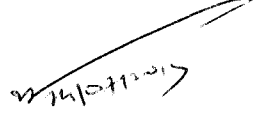
Name, mobile No., e-mail Id etc. of officials dealing with the proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose in the State/ UT may also be provided to Shri R.K. Pathak, Sr. Technical Director, NIC dealing with the said portal in this Ministry at his e-mail id rkpathak@nic.in.

Yours faithfully


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
3. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
4. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
5. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
6. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
7. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, GoI with a request to place a copy of this letter on website of this Ministry.
8. Guard File.


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director