

**F. No. 5-01/2017-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State/UT Governments.

**Sub: Mining leases (ML) applications which have been saved under Section 10A (c) of the Mines & Mineral (Development & Regulations) (MMDR) Act 2015 deemed to have lapsed if not executed before 11.01.2017 - the list of mining leases executed on or before 11.1.2017 involving forest land by the State Government under Section 10A (c) of MMDR Act 2015-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Forest Conservation Division of this Ministry received applications under Section 2(ii) as well as Section 2(iii) of Forest Conservation Act 1980 from the State Government for diversion of forest land for mining purpose and are under consideration. Out of these received applications only those applications are to be considered for forest clearance under Section 2(ii) and Section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 which have valid mining lease executed by the State Government or Letter of Intent (LoI) issued by the Competent Authority.

It is also important to note that mining leases (ML) applications which have been saved under Section 10A (c) of the Mines & Mineral (Development & Regulations) (MMDR) Act 2015 are deemed to have lapsed if not executed before 11.01.2017 and the Ministry is not aware of the validity of mining leases executed till 11.1.2017 or LoI issued by the State Government from the proposals which are forwarded by the State/UTs and pending before the Ministry for consideration for prior approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

I am directed to say that the State Government may provide list of existing mining leases executed on or before 11.1.2017 involving forest land along with the proposals under FC Act duly recommended by the State Government which needs to be considered. The pending proposals of forest clearance would be considered only after receipt of information related to validity of mining leases from State/UT Governments.

Yours faithfully,

**(Nisheeth Saxena)**

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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2. The PCCF, Government of All States/UTs..
3. The Nodal Officer, Office of the PCCF, Government of All States/UTs.
4. The Add. PCCF (Central), All Regional Offices of MoEF&CC.
5. Monitoring Cell for updating on website Forest Clearance.
6. Guard file.

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