

F.No. 8-84/2002-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 22nd June 2007.

To

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests),
All State/Union Territory Governments.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
All States/Union Territories.

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for establishment of Wind Power Projects; maximum allowable base area for installing individual Wind Met-mast - modification, regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Environment and Forests issued detailed guidelines for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for establishment of Wind Power Projects to promote investment in environment friendly energy sector vide letter of even number dated 14.05.2004. Clause 4 of these guidelines provides for installing Wind Met-masts in forest areas for wind mapping / reconnaissance survey, etc. for which maximum base area of 50 m. x 50 m. per Wind Met-mast for every 500 ha was allowed.

2. The Ministry has received representation from Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) seeking increase in the base area allowed for installing individual Wind Met-mast, as taller Wind Met-masts are required to be installed in order to obtain wind characteristics at greater heights. The issue was discussed by the Forest Advisory Committee, and on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee, approval of the Competent Authority is hereby conveyed to the effect that base area of the individual Wind Met-mast shall be allowed upto the area of a circle of 100 m. diameter.

3. The guidelines for establishment of Wind Power Projects issued vide this Ministry's letter number 8-84/2002-FC dated 14.05.2004 stand modified to the above extent.


Yours faithfully,

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5. General Manager, M/s. MEDA, Government of Maharashtra.
6. General Manager, M/s. RREC, Government of Rajasthan.
7. Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers' Association.
8. Indian Wind Energy Association.
9. All Regional Offices, MoEF, New Delhi.
10. Director (FC)/AIGs (FC), MoEF, New Delhi.
11. File No. 2-1/2003-FC.
12. Guard File.


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