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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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

Sub: Clarification to the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding permissibility of prospecting in the revenue/private land falling in the Biosphere Reserves –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter dated 28th March, 2019 wherein all State/UT Governments were informed about the revised Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that during the intervening period certain suggestions for rectification of anomalies in the Handbook are being received from the Regional Office(s), State/UT Governments and various Ministries of the Central Government.

A recent clarification on para 6.8 of Chapter-6 of the Handbook, sought by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, vide their letter No. 507 dated 13th May, 2019, was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31st August, 2019 wherein the FAC, after thorough deliberation, recommended that para 6.8 of Chapter-6 which reads as:


'Prospecting in National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Tiger Reserves and notified wildlife corridors shall not be allowed'.

May be read as:

'Prospecting in National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves shall not be allowed'.


This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 18/10/19
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State/UT Governments
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All State/UT Governments
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