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F. No. 11-48/2002-FC (pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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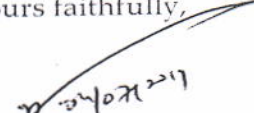
To  
The Principal Secretary (Forests)  
(All States) / UTs.

**Sub:** Guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for up-gradation of 'Kutchia roads constructed prior to 1980 in forest areas, to Pucca roads'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 11-48/2002-FC dated 29<sup>th</sup>/ 30<sup>th</sup> April 2005 on the above-mentioned subject wherein this Ministry issued guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for up-gradation of 'Kutchia roads constructed prior to 1980 in forest areas, to Pucca roads' and to say that para 1 of the said guidelines which reads as "*The up-gradation of roads constructed in forest areas prior to 1980 from 'Kutchia to Pucca' is allowed to the extent that these roads are not black topped/tarred, and if during the process of up-gradation, these roads need to be black topped/tarred, prior environmental clearance shall be sought by the user agency in this regard*" shall be read as "**In case upgradation of roads constructed in forest areas prior to 1980 from 'Kutchia to Pucca' requires Environmental Clearance in accordance with the provisions of the concerned Notification issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the same shall be obtained**".

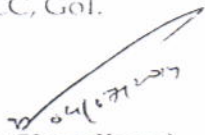
Yours faithfully,

  
(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 with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
8. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI.
9. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI.
10. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
11. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
12. Guard File.

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director