

F. No. 11-09/98-FC (pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi - 110 003
Dated: 18th December, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Uttarakhand

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- General approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 -*reg.*

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 7th November, 2014 on the above-mentioned subject wherein this Ministry extended the general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of not more than 1 hectare of forest land in each case, for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories by Government Departments/Undertakings, Boards Corporation *etc.* accorded this Ministry vide letter of even number dated 13th February, 2014 read with letter of even number dated 21st August, 2014, to diversion of not more than 5 hecatres of forest land in each case, for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories, as specified in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13th February, 2014, by Government Departments/ Undertakings, Boards, Corporation *etc.* in flood affected districts in Uttarakhand and Lahaul and Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh for a period of one year from the date of issue of the said letter of even number dated 7th November, 2014 subject to conditions stipulated in this Ministry's said letter of even number dated 13th February, 2014. This Ministry received representation from the Government of Uttarakhand to extend the said general approval for a further period of two years.

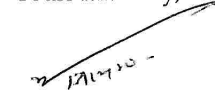
After careful examination of matter, I am directed to say that with a view to facilitate creation of public utility and security related infrastructure in five flood affected districts in Uttarakhand, general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of not more than 1 hectare of forest land in each case, for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories by Government Departments/Undertakings, Boards Corporation *etc.* accorded this Ministry vide letter of even number dated 13th February, 2014 read with letter of even number dated 21st August, 2014 is extended to diversion of not more than 5 hecatres of forest land in each case, for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure of 13 categories, as specified in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 13th February, 2014, by Government Departments/ Undertakings, Boards, Corporation *etc.* **in five flood affected districts in**

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Uttarakhand namely; Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh and Rudraprayag for a further period of one year with effect from 7th November, 2015, subject to conditions stipulated in this Ministry's said letter of even number dated 13th February, 2014.

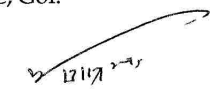
State Government shall submit details of approvals accorded under this general approval to this Ministry and concerned Regional Office of this Ministry on quarterly basis. Up-to date details of approvals already accorded under the general approval accorded by this Ministry vide letter of even number dated 7th November 2014 may be submitted to this Ministry within ten days of the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.:* Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director).
2. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Uttarakhand.
7. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Uttarakhand.
8. Regional Office (North Central Zone), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
9. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
10. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Director in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
11. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
12. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, GoI with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
13. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI.
14. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI
15. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
16. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
17. Guard File.


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director