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

Sub: Guidelines related to re-grassing of mining leases after ceasing mining activities – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 8.01.2020 passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114/2014 – Common Cause Vs. Union of India wherein Hon'ble Supreme Court, taking cognizance of the deleterious effect of mining on vegetation, has observed that mined out areas results in complete elimination of grass which in turn denies fodder for the herbivores. Hon'ble Supreme Court further observed that restoration of such mined out areas can be achieved by imposing a suitable condition in this regard in addition to existing conditions already imposed in the relevant statutory approvals.

– In view of the above direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court, following condition is hereby stipulated, in addition to standard conditions imposed in the approvals accorded by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980:

The mining^g lease holder shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area, and any other areas which may have been disturbed due their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc.

All State/UT Governments are requested to ensure compliance of the above additional condition in respect of mining leases.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

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