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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

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Dated: 9th December, 2013

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Forest and Revenue Department,
Government of Uttarakhand,
Dehradun.

Sub: Grant of approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for construction and upgradation Border roads by the Border Roads Organization- reg.

Sir,

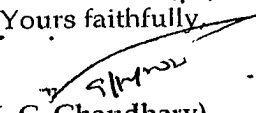
I am directed to say that in a meeting held to review the status of grant proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (FC Act) for construction and upgradation of border roads project of the Border Road Organization (BRO) it was informed that grant of final approval under the FFC Act for diversion of forest land for eight projects of the BRO are pending due to delay in transfer and mutation in favour of the State Forest Department the civil soyam land identified for creation of compensatory afforestation in lieu of the said forest land.

After examination of the matter the following has been observed:

- (i) As per existing guidelines, in lieu of forest land diverted in favour of BRO for construction of new roads or widening of existing roads, compensatory afforestation needs to be raised over degraded forest land equal in extent of such forest land.
- (ii) Compensator afforestation, in lieu of forest land diverted in favor of the BRO or any other user agency, including the private persons/ organizations, as per the existing guidelines may be raised over civil Soyam land equal in extent to the forest land to be diverted, provided such civil soyam land is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and notified as Reserved Forest.

Accordingly, I am directed to say that to ensure expeditious grant of final approval under the FC Act for diversion of forest land for construction of up gradation of border roads by the BRO, compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted in favour of BRO may be raised over degraded forest land located in Reserved Forests and such other forest land which are already under administrative control of the State Forest Department.

Yours faithfully,


(H. C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.