

F. No. 11-246/2014-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi - 110 001
Dated: 4th July, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State / Union Territory Governments

Sub: General approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure by Government Departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts- *reg.*

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters No. 11-9/98-FC dated 13th May 2011, No. 11-9/98-FC dated 10th December 2012 and No. 11-9/98-FC 17th May 2013, read with this Ministry's letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 16th June 2011, on the above-mentioned subject, wherein this Ministry accorded general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure of 13 categories, specified in this Ministry's said letter dated 13th May 2011, by Government Departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land, in each case in 117 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts-identified by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Home Affairs for implementation of the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) and Security Related Expenditure (SRE) schemes. This Ministry vide its letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 1st February 2013 extended the said general approval to all category of public roads and quarrying of materials used in construction of public roads.

This Ministry has received representation from the States to further relax the said general approval to permit diversion of forest land, not located within the protected areas, for construction of two lane public roads by Government Departments in 117 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts, irrespective of the area involved in such projects.

The matter has been examined in this Ministry and after careful consideration, with a view to facilitate creation of requisite road network to facilitate the security forces to effectively counter Left Wing Extremism, this Ministry hereby decides to extend the general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure of 13 categories, specified in this Ministry's said letter dated 13th May 2011 to projects involving diversion of forest land, not located within the protected areas, for construction of two lane public roads by

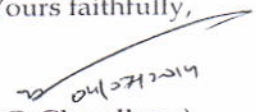
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Government Departments in 117 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts as per details given in this Ministry's said letters dated 13th May 2011, 10th December 2012 and 17th May 2013, irrespective of the area of forest land involved in such projects.

This general approval will be subject to conditions stipulated in this Ministry's said letters dated 13th May 2011, 10th December 2012 and 17th May 2013 read with the said letter dated 16th June 2011.

This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

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 Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Member-Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India New Delhi.
7. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
8. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
9. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
10. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
11. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
12. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
13. ✓ Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, GoI with a request to place a copy of this letter on website of this Ministry.
14. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI.
15. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, GoI.
16. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
17. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC, GoI.
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(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director