

F. No. 11-9/98-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(FC Division)

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Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 510.  
Dated : 08.04.2009

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


**Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - guidelines relating to general approval under for underground laying of optical fibre cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines -reg.**

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 27.12.2007 granting general approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for underground laying of optical fibre cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines for a period up to 31.12.2008, the guidelines granting general approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been further extended till further orders subject to the parameters and conditions already stipulated in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16.10.2000 and 21.11.2005.

All the State / UT Governments are requested to submit a quarterly progress report on the extent of forest land diverted for each purpose to the Ministry as well as the concerned Regional Offices.

Yours faithfully

  
(C.D. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PMO, New Delhi (Kind attn.: Mr. Amit Agrawal, Director).
2. All the PCCFs / Nodal Officers of all States / UTs.
3. All the Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
4. The Director General of Police (All States / UTs).
5. The Director (FC) / AIGs (FC).
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