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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex,  
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.  
New Delhi, the 10th June, 2004.

To,  
The Secretary (Forests)  
All States/UTs.

**Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Clarification regarding para 3(ii) of the guidelines for projects utilizing Wind Energy thereof.**

Sir,

The Central Government has issued guidelines for diversion of forest lands for the projects utilizing wind energy under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide letter of even no. dated 14-05-2004. It has come to the notice of the Ministry of Environment & Forests that para 3(ii) has not been properly interpreted by the officials in the field and the user agencies. Ministry of Environment & Forests has also received a representation from Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) in this regard.

Therefore, in continuation of Ministry of Environment & Forests' letter of even number dated:14-05-2004, I am directed to clarify regarding para 3(ii) of the guidelines that the guidelines issued for wind energy projects on forest lands, aver that the wind turbines of 500 KW and above may be allowed on the forest lands. However, if the physical features of the land area in question permit, wind mills of capacity of 1 MW should be promoted in order to ensure optimal use of forest land for power generation, but it shall not be the deciding factor for use of forest land for such purposes. The choice shall depend upon the feasibility of use by the promoter and the technology available.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



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Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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8. General Manager, M/s RREC, Government of Rajasthan.
9. Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers' Association
10. Indian Wind Energy Association
11. File No.2-1/2003-FC.
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