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

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Dated: 28.12.2007.

To
Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

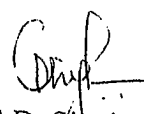
Sub: Clarification regarding consideration of areas under Zudpi Jungle / Chote Bade Jhad Ka Jungle, etc. and non-availability of non-forest land for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 18.07.2007 and convey the approval of the competent authority to make the item no. 1 of the letter dated 18.07.2007 inoperative. All other items of the letter will remain in force.


In addition to the above, the clarification given under guideline 3.2(i) of Hand Book of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 -- Guidelines and Clarifications, may be read as below:

"As a matter of pragmatism, the revenue land, zudpi Jungle, Chhote / Bade Jhad Ka Jungle / Jungle Jhari land, civil soyam lands and all other such categories of lands, on which the provision of forest (conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable, could be considered for the purpose compensatory afforestation provided such lands on which compensatory afforestation is proposed shall be notified as RF under Indian Forest Act, 1927. However, as far as possible efforts should be made to carry out compensatory afforestation only on non-forest land."


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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All States / UTs.
3. The Nodal Officer (FC), O/o the PCCFs, All States / UTs.
4. All the Regional Offices of MoEF (Bhopal, Shillong, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, Chandigarh).
5. The RO (HQ), MoEF, New Delhi.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
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