

F. No. 11-33/2014-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

To

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

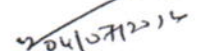
**Sub:** Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Re-diversion of forest land diverted for construction/widening of roads for right of way to road-side establishments.

Sir,

I am directed to say that it has been observed that even in cases where after realization of compensatory levies such as NPV, cost of creation and maintenance of compensatory afforestation *etc.* this Ministry has accorded approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of the entire width of the protected forests located along the roads for their widening/strengthening, this Ministry is receiving proposals for re-diversion of a portion of such forest land for right of way to adjoining land/ buildings/ structures/plots, *etc.*

After careful examination of the matter in this Ministry, I am directed to say that use of forest land diverted for construction/widening of roads, for right of way to adjoining land/buildings/structures/plots, *etc.* and other road-side establishments will not need prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, provided it does not involve clearing of or felling of any trees within the forest land which has already been diverted for construction/widening of the road.

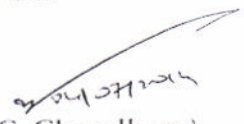
Yours faithfully,

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director

**Copy to:-**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
3. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
4. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC.
5. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC.
6. Director/ Dy. Secretary, Regional Office Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi.

- 7. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
- 8. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- 9. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC.
- 10. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
- 11. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
- 12. Guard File.

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director