

F.No. 8-286/88-FC (Pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110003.
Dated: 16th November 2005.

To

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

Sub: Extension of mining lease period granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 making it co-terminus with the lease period granted under the Mining Act; charging of NPV – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the matter of charging of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land has been recently reviewed in the Ministry with regard to extension of the period of mining lease granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 making it co-terminus with the period of mining lease granted under the relevant Mining Act. The matter has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the light of the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 regarding NPV.

2. On the basis of the recommendations of the Committee, it has been decided that NPV shall be charged in all such cases which were originally approved by the Ministry prior to the Supreme Court order, but subsequently got their lease period extended by the Ministry under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to make these co-terminus with the existing mining lease(s) granted under the MMDR Act, 1957 after the date of issuance of the Supreme Court order. Compliance of conditions stipulated by the Central Government while issuing the approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 may please be ensured.

Yours faithfully,

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(Sandeep Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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