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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi - 110 001
Dated: 11th July, 2014

To

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

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Amendment of para 3.2 (vi) (c) thereof- reg.

Sir,

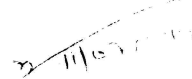
I am directed to say that Ministry of Power has drawn attention of this Ministry to clause (c) of sub -para (vi) of the para 3.1 of the guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 provides that as an exception to para 3.2 (i) of the said guidelines, compensatory afforestation may be raised over degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area being diverted/de-reserved in respect of the proposals for laying of transmission lines upto 220 KV. The Ministry of Power has requested this Ministry that the said provisions may be extended to all transmission lines.

The matter has been examined in this Ministry and after careful consideration this Ministry hereby decides that provisions of the said clause (c) of sub -para (vi) of the para 3.1 of the guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be extended to all proposals for laying of transmission lines. The said clause which reads as "*For Laying of transmission lines upto 220 KV*" shall therefore be read as "*For Laying of transmission lines*".

I am further directed to say that provisions of the said clause (c) of sub -para (vi) of the para 3.1 of the guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall not be applicable in respect of the forest land required for sub-stations, switching stations, and other components of the of HVDC terminal or invertors *etc.*

This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.:* Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director).

2. Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. The Member-Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India New Delhi.
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/ Union Territory Governments.
6. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/ Union Territory Governments.
7. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
8. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
9. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
10. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
11. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, GoI with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
12. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI.
13. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC.
14. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
15. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
16. Guard File.



(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director