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F.No. 11-246/2014-FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Governments of Arunachal Pradesh,  
Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim

Sub: General approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for construction and widening of two lane roads for Indo Tibet Border Police in the areas falling within 100 Km aerial distance from the Line of Actual Control- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 wherein this Ministry accorded general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land required for (i) construction and widening of two lane roads by the Border Roads Organization (BRO) and other road construction agencies entrusted with the job by the Ministry of Defence, in the area falling within 100 kilometers aerial distance from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and (ii) widening of roads (by the BRO and other road construction agencies) which are identified by the Ministry of Defence as link roads, between Border roads in the area within 100 kilometer aerial distance from the LAC and National Highways/State Highways/Other State Roads subject to conditions stipulated in the said letter.

2. I am further directed to say that after further examination of the matter, this Ministry has decided to extend the said general to diversion of forest land, if any, required for construction of similar roads for Indo Tibet Border Police (ITBP) within 100 kilometer aerial distance from the LAC, for which funds are provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

3. This approval shall be subject to conditions stipulated in this Ministry's said letter of even number dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

4. This approval will also be applicable in all the proposals presently under examination in the State Government and in this Ministry on the date of issue of this letter.

This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

29/1/15  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director

Copy to:-

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

- Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
- Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, New Delhi.
- Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India.
- The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The Member-Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India New Delhi.
- Director General, Border Roads Organization, New Delhi.
- ✓ 8. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim.
9. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim.
10. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI).
11. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
12. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
13. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, MoEFCC, GoI.
14. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC, GoI with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
15. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GoI.
16. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC.
17. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
18. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
19. Guard File.

29/01/2014  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director