

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State Governments/UT Administrations

Sub: Clarification on dispensation of Compensatory Afforestation over double the degraded forest land, instead of equivalent non-forest land- in respect of Central PSUs/Central Government Projects - regarding.

Sir,

The issue related to the dispensation of CA land on double the degraded forest land instead of equivalent non-forest land for the National Highways projects irrespective of the User Agency was examined in the Ministry.

It has been decided that MoRTH/Central Government agencies will be entered as a "user agency" in the online application form in PARIVESH portal (i.e. [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in)), in such cases where work that is of Central Sector Projects and is owned, developed and maintained by Central Government but the execution is carried out by a state agency. As the user agency is MoRTH (Central Government) or a Central PSU, the dispensation of Compensatory Afforestation over double the degraded forest land, instead of equivalent non-forest land will be available in such cases. In case of any violation of provisions under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or matters related to residual responsibility, the same will be owned by the user agency.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

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1. Secretary (MoRTH), Government of India, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State Govt.s/ UT Admins.
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4. Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Offices, MoEF&CC.
5. PPS to Secretary (EF&CC) GoI, PPS to DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, GoI, PPS to ADG (FC), MoEF&CC GoI.
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