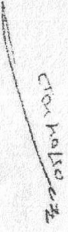


Accordingly, I am directed to say that proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for projects like construction of roads, canals, laying of pipelines/ optical fibres and transmission lines *etc.* where linear diversion of use of forest land in several villages are involved, unless recognised rights of PTC/ PAC are being affected, are exempted from the requirement of obtaining consent of the concerned Gram Sabha(s) as stipulated in clause (c) read with clause (b), (e) and (f) in second para of this Ministry's said letter dated 03.08.2009.

This issues with approval of the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment and Forests.

Yours faithfully,


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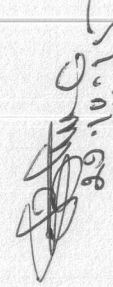
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