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File No. FC-8-84-2002-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: September, 2025

To,

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary (Forests), All State/ UTs

Sub: Regarding request for modification /change of condition stage-II forest clearance granted to wind power project from existing lease grant of 15 years to 30 years - clarification on applicability of penal NPV in respect of wind power projects - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Karnataka's letter No.No. FEE 79 FFM 2020 dated 04.07.2025 on the above subject above subject seeking clarification on the applicability of penal NPV inwind power projects where violations have been committed. Clarification was sought as to whether the penal NPV will be charged at the rate of 50% of NPV applicable to wind power projects or at the rate of normal NPV of the forest land. In this regard, this matter was examined by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 25.08.2025. Minutes of the said meeting may be accessed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the recommendations by the Competent Authority of MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government, hereby clarifies that the rate of penal NPV in wind power projects where violations have been committed, shall be charged at the rate of full NPV of the forest land used in violation.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, All state/ UT Governments.
- 2. The Dy. Director General Forest (Central), All Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
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