

**F. No. 11-103/2016-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Karnataka,  
Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, West Bengal and  
Telangana.

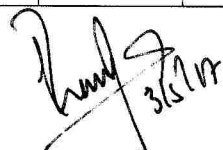
**Sub: Providing information/documents to consider the pending Stage-I and Stage-II Clearances-regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the matter regarding “Compliance of Environmental Norms by Coal/Lignite Companies” including pending Forest and Environment Clearances was discussed on 27.04.2017 in Parliamentary Standing Committee of on Coal and Steel in Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

2. The pendency of Forest Clearances has been reviewed and found that a total no. of 123 cases are pending due to non-receipt of information/compliance from State Govts. which includes 28 cases seeking prior approval under Section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Stage-I Clearances and 95 cases for Stage-II Clearances pertaining to Coal/Iron Ore mines are given in Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. The gist of the pending Stage-I Clearance and Stage-II Clearance are as follows:

<b>List of pending Stage-I and Stage-II Clearances</b>									
S. No	State	Stage-I			Stage-II				Grand Total
		Coal	Iron Ore	Grand Total	Coal	Iron Ore	Steel	Mining	
1	Assam				2				2
2	Chhattisgarh	2		2	18	3	1		22
3	Goa							2	2
4	Jharkhand	3	1	4	19	7			26
5	Karnataka		1	1		1		2	3
6	Madhya Pradesh	3		3	13				13
7	Maharashtra	1		1	5				5
8	Odisha	3	10	13	5	5	3		13
9	Rajasthan		2	2				5	5
10	Telangana	2		2	3				3
11	West Bengal				1				1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>95</b>



3. It is also imperative to mention here that there are 36 cases which are pending for which Stage-II Clearances/final approvals are pending due to non-receipt of information /compliance on the conditions stipulated in stage-I clearance since five or more years and these projects were revoked and further the matter has been re-considered in this Ministry and revocation letters were kept in abeyance vide this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 31.03.2017 (**Annexure-III**) with a request to submit the detailed justification for non-compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I clearances. But the desired justification from the respective State Govts. have not yet been received.

In view of above, the concerned State Govts. may be requested to submit their pending compliance within one month to this Ministry for consideration otherwise it is presumed that the State Govts are not interested in seeking prior approval for these projects under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,



**(Rajagopal Prashant)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Encl. As above.**

**Copy to:-**

1. The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Coal, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Steel, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of concerned States/UTs.
5. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Concerned Regional Offices of MoEF&CC.
6. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of concerned States/UTs.
7. All Concerned files.
8. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi
9. Guard File.

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