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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Uttarakhand,  
Subhash Road,  
Dehradun

Sir,

As you are aware, the Govt. of India has started a Web Portal for online submission and monitoring of Forest Clearance Proposals w.e.f 14th August, 2014 and since then all the fresh proposals seeking diversion of forest land for various non-forestry proposes are being submitted online.

Till now this office has received 220 Forest Clearance proposals online from the state of Uttarakhand out of which "in-Principle"/final approval has been granted in 28 cases and the essential details have been sought from State Govt. in the remaining cases in which shortcomings were noticed.

In this regard it is bring to your kind notice that as per existing guidelines, it is also required to submit a hard copy of the proposal seeking diversion of forest land to non forestry use along with online submission. However, the State Govt. of Uttarakhand is not submitting hard copy of proposals seeking diversion of forest land to various non- forestry uses to this office. In some cases copy of recommendations of authorities of the State Govt. in Part I to V only are being provided in the name of hard copy whereas the hard copy is required to contain all the Performa and annexures/additional documents/maps provided online.

This office though had been making verbal requests to the concerned officers of the Forest Department, Uttarakhand to submit hard copy of the proposals submitted online but keeping in view the urgency to grant Forest Clearances for various developmental purposes, processing of proposals received online from the State Govt. without hard copy had been continued till date. However, the requirement of providing a hard copy of the proposal has not been fulfilled till now and this office is still receiving the Forest Clearance proposals online, not accompanied by hard copy. You will appreciate that submission of hard copy

being one of the important part of guidelines to maintain record for future reference, it may not be proper to continue the practice of processing and clearing forest land diversion proposals without obtaining hard copy any more. This office is therefore, sending back all online fresh proposals received from State Govt. without hard copy, which are yet to be processed, till hard copies are received.

You are, therefore, requested to ask the concerned officers of your Department to simultaneously make hard copy also available to this office of all proposals seeking diversion of forest land to non-forestry use under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in future as and when these are submitted online.

o/c  6.11.2015  
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