F. No. 11-360/2016-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jorbagh Road New Delhi - 110 003 Dated: [‡ November, 2016

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests), All State /Union Territory Governments

Sub: Guidelines regarding prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for all original documents of the all proposal with Ink Signature and stamp with relevant officer - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the State Government is forwarding proposals for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 without original documents. In many cases, it is observed that the case has been submitted with photo copies of major documents. It is therefore requested that henceforth all such proposals should have original documents. Photocopies shall not be accepted by the Ministry.

In case of loss of original documents the photo copy of the same may be accepted, provided by the same is authenticated from record by the issuing authority and submitted with the signature and under the official seal.

(Sandeep Sharma) 17-11.16

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

Copy to:-

- 1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- 2. Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, all States/UTs.
- 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UTs.
- 4. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
- 5. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC),
- 6. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC, Gol.
- 7. Member-Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, all States/UTs
- 8. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC,

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