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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi-110 003

Dated: 27th August, 2024

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Extension of the provisions of survey contained in the guidelines dated 29.11.2023 to HEPS/PSPs at par with the mining activities - reg.

Kindly refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 20.08.2024 on the above mentioned subject and to say that date appeared as 29.11.2024 in the first para of said letter dated 20.08.2024 as may kindly be read as 29.11.2023.

Signed by

Charan Jeet Singh

Date: 27-08-2024 11:00:48 Yours faithfully

Charan Jeet Singh
Scientist E

To

Addl. Chief Secretaries (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State Government/UT Administrations

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi - 01
2. PCCF & HoFF, all States/ Union territories Administrations
3. The Dy. DGF (Central), all Regional Offices of MoEF&CC
4. The Nodal Officer (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), all States/ Union territories Administration
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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Dated: July, 2024

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Sub: Extension of the provisions of survey contained in the guidelines dated 29.11.2023 to HEPs/PSPs at par with the mining activities - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Ministry of Power, Government of India's letter dated 28.05.2024 on the above subject requesting this Ministry to extend the dispensation of surveys to Hydrel/Pump Storage projects at par with surveys for mining projects as contained in the guidelines notified on 29.11.2024 to enable the developers to formulate renewable storage projects expeditiously and to inform that the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 4.07.2024 for its further examination. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may be accessed at www.parivesh.nic.in.

The Committee observed that surveys involving drilling for hydel and other developmental projects in the forest area are of relatively lesser intensity and does not result any permanent change in the forest land use. Such preliminary drilling are crucial for project design, preparation of DPR and estimating the financial provisions of the proposed development project. The Committee further noted that it's a prerequisite activity for such development projects and in any case, if the finding of such drillings indicate the involvement of forest land during their project implementation, the prior approval of the Central Government under section 2(2) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam will be required by the user agency.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby extend the provisions of clause (2) of the Notification No. 5075(E) dated 29.11.2023 relating to surveys in the forest areas for mining projects to other development projects including Hydrel/Pump Storage Projects subject to following condition:

- i. Sample collected from the site after drilling shall be used exclusively for research purpose and in no way it shall be used for any commercial purpose.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority of the Ministry

Yours faithfully

Signed by

Charan Jeet Singh

Date: 20-08-2024 15:38:07

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