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To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Forests),
All States/ Union Territory Administrations.

Sub: OM dated 18.03.2024 issued by the Wildlife Division of the MoEF&CC setting the order of priority for obtaining approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Savardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and the Wildlife (Protections) Act, 1972 – reg.

Sir,

This is with respect to Paras 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6 of Chapter-12 of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, that pertain to proposals which require prior approvals under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 as well as recommendation of the Standing Committee of the NBWL (SC-NBWL) under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

This is clarify that the applications for obtaining the prior approval under the Adhinyam and recommendation of the SC-NBWL can be uploaded and processed simultaneously on Parivesh portal.

Further the said guidelines have been amended slightly in light of the guidelines dated 18.03.2024 issued by the Wildlife Division of the MoEF&CC. The relevant paras, after their amendment would henceforth read as under:

12.4 Proposals located within the Protected Areas: The proposals, involving entire forest land located in one or more Protected Areas, would be considered for grant of 'in-principle' approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, only after obtaining the recommendation of the SC-NBWL, permitting use of forest land for non-forestry purpose, has been obtained.

12.5 Proposals located both within and outside the Protected Areas: The proposal involving forest land located both within and outside the Protected Areas, the 'in-principle' approval can be granted in the portion of land outside the Protected Area provided that the Stage-II in such proposals will be given only after recommendation of SC-NBWL. Further no working permission after Stage-I will be admissible in such cases to avoid *fait accompli* situation.

12.6 Proposals located in the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of a Protected Areas : The proposals located in ESZ, requiring approvals under the Adhinyam as

well as Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, would be processed simultaneously.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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