

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

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Dated: 21st September, 2023

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States/Union territories Administrations

Sub: Clarification on the guidelines dated 24.01.2022 issued by the Ministry regarding non-site specific activities in the forest areas –reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to refer to this Ministry's Guidelines of even number dated 24.01.2022 on the above subject and to say that issue related to consideration of the non-site specific proposals was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 21.08.2023. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may be seen at <https://parivesh.nic.in>.

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 clarifies the following:

(i) As a principal no modification in the existing guidelines, issued on 24.01.2022, is needed in view of the recent amendments brought in the Forest (Conservation) Act and dispensation extended. In case of any ambiguity regarding non-specificity of a particular project, the same shall be referred to the Ministry for decision.

(ii) The Regional Offices/Sub-Offices shall ensure that non-site specific proposals, which have been recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) or Regional Office, only need to be submitted to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi for decision on case to case basis. Proposals which have been rejected by the REC or Regional Office/Sub-Office should not be forwarded to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

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4. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (CAMPAs), Office of the PCCF, All States/UT Administrations
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