

F. No. 11-51/2015-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 1st May, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
All States/Union territories

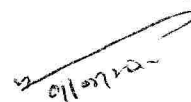
Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Guidelines regarding extension of period of validity of approvals accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for mining projects.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry' letter of even number dated 1st April 2015 on the above-mentioned subject wherein it was informed that in case of existing mining leases in respect of minerals specified in sub-section (1) of section 8A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR, Act, 1957) inserted by the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Ordinance, 2015, period of validity of approvals accorded under section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be extended, and shall be deemed to have been extended upto a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease in accordance with the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957, as amended, subject to the conditions stipulated in the afore-mentioned letter.

I am directed to say that State Governments and Union territory Administrations shall regularly monitor status of compliance to conditions stipulated in approvals accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land falling in mining leases so as to ensure that the user agencies comply with all these conditions before the land falling in such leases is surrendered to the concerned State Government/Union territory on expiry of the mining lease.

Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all States/UTs.
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all States/UTs.

3. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), all Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
4. All Directors/ Assistant Inspector General of Forests in Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC for information and necessary action.
5. All Advisors/ Directors/ Dy. Directors in the Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC.
6. Director, Regional Office (Headquarters), MoEFCC.
7. Guard File.


(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director