

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

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To

Dy. Director General of Forest,
Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings,
17th Main Road, Koramangala II Block,
Bangalore

Sub: Clarification sought by the Regional Office, Bangalore (i) on the rate of interest to be levied for the delayed payment of NPV and since when it has to be realized, and (ii)-Notification of non-forest land for compensatory afforestation as PF/RF prior to the Stage-II approval (F. No. 11/224/2019-FC) – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to inform that the issues referred by the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bangaluru to MoEF&CC to decide the rate of penal interests and period for which it is to be levied were considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 18.12.2023. A copy of the minutes of meeting of the Advisory Committee may be accessed at www.parivesh.nic.in.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority in the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby clarifies the following:

- i. The user agency shall deposit penal NPV @ 20 per cent of forest land per ha for each year of violation from the date of actual diversion i.e. from the date of expiry of original lease period with maximum up to five times the NPV plus 12 per cent simple interest till the deposit is made
- ii. As evident from the forwarding letter dated 28.03.2019 annexed with the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the provisions of guidelines, including notification of non-forest land identified for raising CA, will be applicable prospectively.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours Faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

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1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Karnataka, Kerala, Goa and Lakshdweep,
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Karnataka, Kerala, Goa and Lakshdweep.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of

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- Karnataka, Kerala, Goa and Lakshdweep,
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
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