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

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries of Forests/Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All State Governments and Union territory Administrations

**Sub: Clarification on Guidelines issued by the Ministry on 24.09.2024 read with guidelines notified by the Central Government on 29.11.2023 under sub-section (3) of section 1A of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – reg.**

**Madam/Sir,**

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to inform that Central Government has notified guidelines 29.11.2023, inter alia, specifying the terms and conditions in respect of proposals which have been exempted from the purview of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in accordance with the provision under clause (c) of subsection (2) of section 1A of said Adhiniyam. These terms and conditions were subsequently amended vide guidelines issued by the Ministry on 24.09.2024.

2. Further, with a view to bring more clarity in the matter of identification of land for carrying out afforestation for compensating loss of trees, in respect of abovementioned proposals, the following clarification is issued:

The clause (iv) of the Para-2 of the guidelines dated 24.09.2024 may be read as under:

*“For the proposals exempted under clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 1A of the Adhiniyam, the land for raising afforestation for compensating the loss of trees, will be identified by the Forest Department of the concerned State/UT in degraded Forest land, revenue forest land or waste land, double in extent to the land proposed for diversion, or in non-forest land equal in extent of land proposed for diversion. The user agency shall pay, besides other levies as may be prescribed, the cost of raising such afforestation as per the scheme approved by the PCCF/State Government concerned”.*

3. In view of the above, the concerned State Governments and Union territory Administrations are requested to take into consideration the above clarifications

while considering the proposals exempted under clause (c) of subsection(2) of section 1A of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
2. Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, All States Governments and Union territory Administrations
4. Dy Director General of Forests (Central) All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
5. Nodal Officers, dealing with the matters related to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, All States Governments and Union territory Administrations
6. Head, NIC, MoEFCC for aligning the PARIVESH 2.0 as per above