

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

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

**Sub: Right of Way (RoW) mentioned in the guidelines dated 10.03.2022 issued by the MoEF&CC - regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 10.03.2022 on the above subject. It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that in some States/UTs there is ambiguity regarding interpretation of the term "RoW" mentioned in the guidelines dated 10.03.2022. Several States have asked the Railway to explain the term "RoW".

The matter was examined in the Ministry and it is clarified that RoW mentioned in the guidelines dated 10.03.2022 may be understood as the area falling within the limits of Railway owned land for execution or maintaining of railway works.

Yours faithfully,

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. Chairman, Railway Board, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Director, PMO, South Block, New Delhi w.r.t. PMO ID No. 3562490-IR dated 10.11.2022
3. PCCF (HoFF), All States/UT Administrations
4. All Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
5. Addl. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), All States/UT Administrations
6. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
7. Guard File.