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Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(F.C. Division)

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To

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests),
All State/Union Territory Governments.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
All States/Union Territories.

Sub: Exemption from payment of Net Present Value (NPV) for relocation of villages from
National Parks/Sanctuaries - regarding.

Sir,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, I am directed to inform you that vide order dated 28.04.2006, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has directed that "subject to final orders that may be passed on the report of the Expert Committee constituted in I.A. No. 566 regarding the NPV, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) may approve diversion of forest land under the Forest Conservation Act for relocation of villagers from National Parks/Sanctuaries without, for the present, payment of NPV."

2. In view of the above order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is informed that the State/Union Territory Government may proceed to implement the approval(s) granted by Ministry of Environment and Forests under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation of villages from National Parks/Sanctuaries without, for the present, charging the NPV of the diverted forest land. However, in such cases, the final orders that may be passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the report of the Expert Committee constituted in I.A. No. 566 regarding the NPV, shall be applicable.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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2. Director (Project Tiger), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bikaner House, New Delhi.
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