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

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

Sub: Charging NPV at the rate of 50% of total NPV rate in case of underground mining area converted to open cast mining-Reg

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Telangana's letter No. No.13972/2010/FCA-1/PS dated 15.02.2020 vide which clarification was sought regarding admissibility of NPV rate in the area of underground mining for which 50% NPV has already been paid and the same area is now proposed to be converted to open cast mining.

The issue was deliberated in the Ministry and it has been decided that in all such cases where NPV at the rate 50% of the total NPV rate has already been paid during the process of obtaining approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for under ground mining, the user Agency has to pay the balance NPV at the rate 50% only, if such underground mining area is proposed to be operated through open cast mining.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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