

F. No. 11-268/ 2014-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Office- Memorandum

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980- Procedure of utilizing the land for approach/exit road to petrol pumps- *reg.*

The undersigned is directed to say that this Ministry in consultation with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways issued guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 regarding the procedure for utilizing the land for approach/exit road to petrol pumps. A copy of the said guidelines issued by this Ministry vide the letter of even number dated 11th July, 2014 is enclosed. The para 2.1 of the said guidelines provide as below:

"Requirement of forest land for construction of acceleration/de-acceleration lane and exit/entry openings shall be based on approved layout plan provided in guidelines issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in this regard. A copy of guidelines containing norms for location, layout and access of fuel stations along National Highways issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways letter No. RB/NH/33023/19/99-DO-III dated the 23rd July, 2013 is enclosed."

This Ministry has received a representation where in it has been stated that these guidelines of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways are applicable for National Highways only. It has also been stated in the said representation that there are other categories of road like state highway, urban/rural road, major district road (MDR), other district roads *etc.*, the forest clearance cases of which are received in the Ministry for approach/exit roads to petrol pumps. It has further been stated in the representation that as the technical specifications and other parameters of National Highways are quite different from the other category of roads, the implementation of the said guidelines for the roads other than National Highways is not feasible.

Accordingly, the undersigned is directed to request that comments of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on the said matter, along with a copy of guidelines, if any, issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways or any


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other Authority, for utilizing the land for approach/exit road to petrol pumps along the roads other than the National Highways may be provided to this Ministry at the earliest.



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