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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi-1100 03 Dated: 25th January, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Goa, Secretariat Annexe, Secretariat, Porvorium, GoA-403521

Sub: - Concerns of the People of Goa, whose lands have been identified as Private Forests. -Reg.

Sir/ Madam

I am directed to refer to the D.O. letter no. 1-1-2021/CM/158 dt 16.04.2021 received from Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa regarding concerns of the people of Goa, whose lands have been identified as Private Forests.

In this regard, the matter was placed before the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 28.10.2021 and the Ministry has decided that ONE-TIME permission for construction of homestead/ residential houses upto 250 sq.m by the owners of the private area (deemed forest) in Goa may be given on similar conditions as specified in the comprehensive guidelines para 11.9, issued for Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA).

It is reiterated that for every private forest this permission will be granted ONLY ONCE.

Yours sincerely,

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

To

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOD), Govt. of Goa, Panaji-403001.
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore.
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Goa, Panaji-403001.
- 4. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.