

F. No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110 003
Dated: 20th September, 2012

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla.

Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forests purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

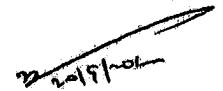
Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 3.8.2009 on the above-mentioned subject, I am directed to say that this Ministry has considered specific situation as intimated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh vide his D.O. No. MPP-F-(10) 5 / 2012 dated 19.04.2012 where according to Hon'ble Chief Ministers rights and concessions on forest land throughout the State including the tribal areas have been settled long back and recorded in settlement reports, and that no FRA compliance issues exist which need to be settled.

Accordingly, I am directed to say that after examination of the matter, this Ministry has accepted the request of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh that in case of Himachal Pradesh, a certificate issued by Collector cum District Commissioner of the district concerned that no claim under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 exists or pending in respect of forest land, be considered as sufficient evidence to meet procedural requirement of the afore-mentioned Act. To ensure proper scrutiny, in all such cases, Stage-II approval will however, be accorded only after obtaining specific approval from the Competent Authority.

This issues with approval of the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment and Forests.

Yours faithfully,



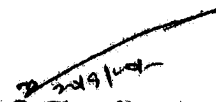
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

3. Regional Office (Northern Zone), Chandigarh.
4. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests in Forest Conservation Division, MoEF.
5. Director, R.O. (HQ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
6. PS to the DGF& SS for kind information of the DGF& SS, MoEF.
7. PS to the Addl. DGF (FC) for kind information of the Addl. DGF (FC), MoEF.
8. PS to IGF (FC), MoEF.
9. Guard File.


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