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

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Dated: 13th June, 2023

To

Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Forests), All States/Union territory Administrations

Sub: Clarification on deposition of monies realized from the user agencies towards the cost of implementation of Wildlife Management Plan in to the account of State CAMPA in respect of proposals located in the Protected Areas – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to inform that matter related to the deposition of realized from the user agencies towards the cost of implementation of Wildlife Management Plan in to the account of State CAMPA in respect of proposals located in the Protected Areas was examined in the Ministry in light of the provisions contained in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016.

In this connection, it is to clarify that all pursuant to recommendation made by the Standing Committee of the NBWL for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes, located in the Protected Areas including ESZ and tiger/elephant corridors, the monies, if any, realized from the user agency towards the cost of implementation of Wildlife Management shall be deposited in to the account of State CAMPA. Authorities concerned in the State Govt./UT Administrations shall ensure compliance in this regard and also the provisions of the CAF Act, 2016 and rules made thereunder.

This issued with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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1. PCCF, All States/Union territories Administrations

- 2. Regional Officers, All Integrated Regional Office of the MoEF&CC at Bhubaneswar
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- 4. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi

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