

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

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To

The Regional Officers  
All Integrated Regional Offices of MoEF&CC

**Sub: Grant of conditional approvals (Stage-I) by the IROs – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform that issue related to grant of conditional approval was examined in the Ministry and it is observed that some proposals have been recommended for grant of Stage-I approval subject to conditions like change in the CA sites, change in the area in online proposal, change in the area of CA site, etc. Such conditional approval by the REC/IRO are not in consonance with the online process envisaged in the PARIVESH 1.0 as after grant of Stage-I approval all relevant fields of the application become frozen/locked and the user agency or the processing authority cannot change the values of these fields including updating the fields related to CA land. This situation often delays the grant of Stage-II approval as the Parivesh 1.0 does not allow updation after Stage-I and processing authorities cannot submit the compliance of Stage-I approval as the relevant conditions of Stage-I approval specially with regards to uploading the updated information on PARIVESH are not complied with. Such situations often call for intervention of NIC which is not desirable in any case.

In view of the above, I am directed to request all IROs of the Ministry to restrain themselves from granting such conditional approval and to avoid delays in the process of granting Stage-I approvals.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)  
Scientist D

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