

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

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Odisha,  
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**Sub: Clarification sought by the Government of Odisha regarding applicability of proviso to sec 1A(1)(b) of the Van ( Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 on the change in the status of land during settlement process- regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Special Secretary to Government of Odisha's letter No. PT3-FE-DIV-MISC-0022-2023 1057 / FE&CC dated 18.01.2024 on the above subject seeking clarification from the MoEF&CC whether the whole settlement process in case of change of a change of revenue forest to non-forest between 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1980 to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1996 will be covered under the proviso to sec 1A(1)(b) of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this connection, it is to inform that matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been desired that a copy of order issued by any authority authorised by a State Government in pursuance of which the land classified as forest during *Sabik settlement* was changed to non-forest land during *Hal settlement* may be provided to the Ministry for taking further view in the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF & HOFF, State Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The Dy DG (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar
3. Nodal Officer (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o of the PCCF , State Forest Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
4. Guard File.