

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Nava Raipur

Sub: Preparation of compensatory afforestation scheme to be implemented over degraded forest land in lieu of diversion of forest land – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. Bhu-Prabandh/Khanij/331-29/152 dated 17.01.2025 on the above subject seeking clarification on number of seedlings to be planted in the degraded forest land (DFL) proposed for CA, which generally has crown density of 0.4 due to natural regeneration and coppice crops.

In this connection, it is to inform that the matter has been examined in the light of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and Guidelines issued by the Ministry in the past.

Further, based on the provisions of the Rules and Guidelines issued by the Ministry, it is to clarify that 1000 saplings per hectare are needed to be planted in the identified DFL. In case 1000 saplings can not be accommodated per hectare in the DFL identified for CA, the balance seedlings will be planted in any RF/PF as per prescription of working plan. The State Government will intimate name/details of the RFs/PFs areas in which the balance seedling are being planted. The user agency shall deposit the cost of plantation of the same.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, State Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur
2. Dy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC at Nagpur
3. Nodal Officer (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o the PCCF, State Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur
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