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(F.C. Division)

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To

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All States/Union Territories.
2. Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests), All State/Union Territory Governments.

Sub: Plantation of *Jatropha* on forest land; clarification under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980  
- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the matter of applicability of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of plantation of *Jatropha curcas* on forest land has been recently reviewed in the Ministry. On the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, following guidelines are hereby issued with the approval of the Competent Authority:

- “1. **Plantation of *Jatropha curcas* on forest land would require prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, except when:**
  - (i) **the species to be planted are indigenous or naturalised to the area in question; and**
  - (ii) **such plantation activity is part of an overall afforestation programme for the forest area in question.**
2. **Plantation of *Jatropha* on forest land shall be subject to the condition that such plantation shall be done on degraded forest land and no clearance of forest growth shall be done for the same.”**

This issues in supersession of this Ministry's letters of even number dated 08<sup>th</sup> June 2005 and 05<sup>th</sup> September 2005 on the above subject.

Yours faithfully,



(Sandeep Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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