F. No. 7-25/ 2012-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jorbagh Road New Delhi - 110 003 Dated: 19th November, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State / Union Territory Governments

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 5th May 2014 on the above-mentioned subject, where-under this Ministry sent a copy of revised guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas, and to say that in partial modification of the said guidelines, clause 4 (ix) of the said guidelines which reads as "In case of transmission lines passing through National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Wildlife Corridors, insulated conductors shall only be used to prevent electrocution of animals" shall be read as "In case of transmission lines passing through elephant reserves/corridors, additional clearances of at least 6 m shall be provided over and above minimum clearance (as stipulated under Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to safety & Electricity Supply) Regulations, 2010) above the ground from the lowest conductor of the transmission lines".

Yours faithfully,

(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director

Copy To:-

- 1. Prime Minister's Office (Kind attn.: Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director).
- 2. Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3. Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi 110 066.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
- 5. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State UT Governments.
- All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoFFCC.

- All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Director in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC.
- 9. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters (ROHQ) Division, MoEFCC.
- 10. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
- 11. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- 12. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEFCC.
- 13. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
- 14. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEFCC.
- 15. Guard File.

(H.C. Chaudhary)
Director