

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

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New Delhi – 110003

Dated: The 23rd June, 2021

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest)
All State Governments/UT Administrations

Sub: Extension of date of General Approval for use of forest land non-forestry purpose under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 where the State/UTs have accorded 'in-principle'/State-I approval prior to expiry of validity of General Approval -reg.

Madam/Sir,

In continuation to this Ministry's letter dated 22.03.2021, I am directed to inform that the Ministry has been receiving various representation/clarification from the States/UTs regarding grant of Stage-II approval in respect of proposals which have been granted Stage-I approval before the expiry of the validity of any General Approval accorded by Ministry.

2. The issue was examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that in all such cases where the State Governments/UT Administrations have accorded 'in-principle'/State-I approval prior to expiry of validity of General Approval and are pending for Stage-II approval, the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations may accord final approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, within 05 years from the date of issue of Stage-I approvals.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), State Governments/UT Administrations
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All State Governments/UT Administrations
3. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC.
4. PPS to Secretary (EF&CC) GoI, PPS to DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, GoI.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF and CC, New Delhi.