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Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)

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Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.
New Delhi, the 23rd June, 2004.

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Regional Office,
Bhopal.

Sub: **Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - clarification regarding processing of proposals for approach roads of the petrol pumps.**

Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to the above mentioned subject. In this regard, it has come to the notice of the Ministry of Environment & Forests that the proposals of approach roads for the petrol pumps at different locations / districts in Gujarat for the same User Agency are being merged by the Regional Office, Bhopal and in that way the area becomes more than one hectare. Then the User Agency is being asked for the Compensatory Afforestation over non-forest land.

In this context, I am directed to clarify that the proposals of approach roads for the petrol pumps at different locations / districts could be processed as a bunch by the State Government but can not be considered as a single proposal and have to be given approval separately for each case. For ease of working, approval can be conveyed for each bunch in a single letter giving details of each proposal.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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