

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

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To

- 1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests),**
All State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,**
All State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations

Sub: Compensatory afforestation on Degraded Forest Land in respect of captive coal blocks of State PSUs for limited purpose- reg.

Madam/Sir,

In partial modification of the previous communication issued on the subject mentioned above vide letter F No11-423/2011-FC dated 11.04.2022, I am directed to state that the issue of raising Compensatory Afforestation on Degraded Forest Land double in extent to the area diverted instead of equivalent non-forest land in respect of State/State PSUs was examined in the Ministry and with the approval of the competent authority it has been decided that, keeping in view the National Forest Policy, NDC targets and the sustainable development goals, the Compensatory Afforestation on Degraded Forest Land may not be a dispensation in general, however the Compensatory Afforestation may be considered on Degraded Forest Land double in extent to the area diverted in respect of State PSUs for the limited purpose of land diverted for captive coal blocks on case to case basis and on receipt of the proposal from the State Government subject to following condition:

The State Government shall certify that:

- i.** No suitable non-forest land is available in the State for raising Compensatory Afforestation.
- ii.** No other category of suitable forest land such as revenue lands/zudupi jungle/chhote/ bade jharka jungle which is not under the management and/or administrative control of the State forest Department is available for raising Compensatory Afforestation

Yours sincerely,


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