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

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests)
All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations

Sub: Strengthening of Integrated Concurrent Monitoring and Evaluation System (i-CCMES) or e-Green Watch – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 10.08.2020 on the above subject wherein all States Governments/Union territories Administrations were requested to improve the precision of information hosted on the e-Green Watch portal by robust scrutiny of polygons, setting up of an e-Green Watch Cell headed by the Addl. PCCF (CAMPA) and skill developments of field functionaries. In this connection, I am further to inform that matter was reviewed in meeting held on 03.09.2020 chaired by Hon'ble Minister, EF&CC wherein it was desired that all States and UTs should be moved to upload correct and credible information on the portal on regular basis.

Pursuant to decision taken in the meeting dated 03.09.2020 and subsequent review in the Ministry, the competent authority has desired that all States/UTs Governments may be advised to update the information by 31st December, 2020 uploading correct polygons and information pertaining to the CA plantations through eGreen watch portal for seeking Forest Clearance. It has also been decided that w.e.f. 1st January, 2021 CA details under FC proposals vent of failure, the MoEF&CC may take stern action to withhold the proposals and APOs received from the State/UT. Henceforth no APO/diversion proposals, in respect of a particular forest Division, will be approved without ensuring credibility and correctness of information on various plantation undertaken in that Forest Division is uploaded on e-green watch portal.

In view of the above, all States and UTs are requested to ensure that all polygons pertaining to plantations are updated with correct and precise information with respect to their spatial attributes failing which no APOs/diversion proposals under the FC Act, 1980 will be entertained by the MoEF&CC

This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,


(Bharati)

Inspector General of Forests

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