

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

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To

Addl. Chief Secretaries (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State Government/UT Administrations

Sub: Clarification on applicability of working permission in respect of transmission line projects – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Ministry of Power, Government of India's letter dated 13.01.2024 on the above subject requesting this Ministry to clarify the applicability of concretization at the working permission and to inform that the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 4.07.2024. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may be accessed at www.parivesh.nic.in.

2. Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby clarifies the following:

Laying of foundation for erection of towers is one of the preliminary works for the construction of transmission lines and further, as per definition of working permission, as far as transmission lines are concerned, in particular, it includes all preliminary works other than charging of transmission line, which is a final stage of commissioning and implementation of the project. Therefore, working permission in respect of transmission lines includes concretization for laying the foundation of towers while concretization works in respect of other linear projects such as roads and railways are not covered and hence not to be allowed under working permission by the State/UT authorities.

3. In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government/UT Administrations to take into consideration the above clarifications, while considering the working permission of transmission lines projects in particular, under the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvarshan) Rules, 2023.

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

Yours faithfully

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5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.