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

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> > Date: 18th March, 2024

To,

**The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary,** Forest Departments All States/UTs

**Sub:** Standing Committee's Decision on Sequential Consideration of Project Proposals Involving Forest and Wildlife Clearance.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life (SCNBWL) was held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

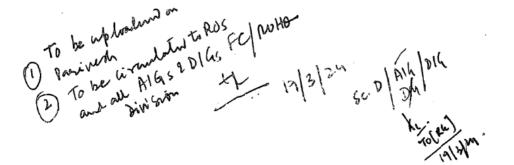
2. The SCNBWL in the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting decided that the Ministry shall issue policy guidelines for consideration of project proposals by the Standing Committee only after receipt of forest clearance.

3. In this context, the undersigned is directed to inform that proposals requiring recommendations/approvals of the SCNBWL and forest clearance under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be placed for consideration on the SCNBWL, only after receipt of forest clearance.

4. Therefore, the proposals referred in para 3 above should be accompanied with reference regarding receipt of forest clearance under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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Yours faithfully,

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1. PCCF and HoFFs All States/UTs

2. Chief Wild Life Wardens, All States/UTsPSO to the ADGF (WL)/PPS to IGF (WL) PPS to DIGF (WL).

3. Inspector General of Forests, Forest Conservation Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for information and necessary action

4. Inspector General of Forests, ROHQ Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

4. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), All Regional Offices, MoEFCC