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

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Dated: 10th January, 2020

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State/UT Governments

Sub: Clarification on the Guidelines dated 7.10.2014 and 11.10.2019 issued by the MoEF&CC regarding temporary use of forest land.

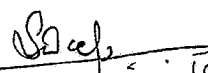
Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 11.10.2019 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that the issue related to grant of temporary permission in forest area without attracting the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17.10.2019. The FAC observed that the guidelines dated 11.10.2019 are in consonance with earlier guidelines issued by the Ministry on 07.10.2014.

Based on observations and recommendations of the FAC and in continuation of the guidelines dated 11.10.2019, it is hereby clarified that temporary activity in any forest area which does not involve part of any Protected Area, breaking up or clearing of forest area or any portion thereof, assigning by way of lease or otherwise to a firm, person or organisation and does not create any right over such forest land of such person, firm or organisation, will not require prior approval of Central Government under the FC Act, 1980. The State government/Union Territory Administration may authorize officer not below the rank of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be utilized temporarily, to accord permission for such temporary activities. While taking such decisions, it shall be ensured that such use of forest land is unavoidable, for public purposes and of emergent nature. Such temporary use of forest land may be allowed for a period not exceeding two weeks. Before allowing temporary use of such land, however, such authority shall ensure that there is no alternate non-forest land available for the proposed temporary use.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 10.1.20

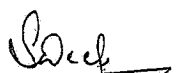
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(Sandeep Sharma) 10.1.2020

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