

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

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Forests),
All States/ Union Territory Administrations.

Sub: Applicability of the provisions of the raising compensatory afforestation and NPV while granting extension to mining leases as per MMDR Act, 1957 in respect of proposals which have been granted approval prior to 30.10.2002 and have broken upland prior to 1980 - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Federation of Indian Mineral Industries' letter o. A/MoEFCC/23/208 dated 23rd August, 2023 on the above subject requesting this Ministry to advise the State Government not to insist for CA land and CA charges in respect of mining leases which have been provided deemed extension of FC approval co-terminus with the lease period granted under the MMDR Act, 1957. In this connection, it is to inform that the matter has been discussed by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 11.10.2023. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may be accessed at www.parivesh.nic.in.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority in the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby clarifies that in such cases, involving broken up forest areas prior to 1980, the provisions of compensatory afforestation and NPV, if not paid earlier, will remain applicable.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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1. The PCCF, All States/ Union Territories Administration.
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Office/Sub-Offices of MoEF&CC
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, All States/ Union territories Administrations.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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