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Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To,  
The Principal Secretary to the Government  
All States/Union Territory Governments

**Sub: Submission of Geo-referenced digital data for applications under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's guidelines dated 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 and to inform that there has been demand from different agencies including State Government of Chattisgarh that LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technology should also be allowed to be used for the purpose of geo-referencing the spatial data. This matter was examined and on the basis of demonstration conducted by Expert using LiDAR technology it has been decided that LiDAR technology may also be used for geo-referencing spatial data while processing proposals under Forest Conservation Act.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Nisheeth Saxena)

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