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

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State Governments and Union territory Administrations

Sub: Regularization of the forestry works carried out in the forest land after the expiry of the Working Plans - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF & HoFF, Government of Telengana's letter no. No. 675543/2024/WP/IT-2 dated 20.03.2024 on the above subject requesting for regularization the forestry works carried out after the expiry of Working Plans of 9 districts of the State and to inform that the Advisory Committee, in its meeting held on 27.08.2024, considered and deliberated the matter in consultation with the Regional Offices and Nodal Officers of the States. Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may be accessed at <https://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, in light of the relevant provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and National Working Plan Code-2023, clarifies that Working Plan for the lapsed period as and when submitted by the State Government concerned will be dealt and disposed of by the concerned Regional Office/Regional Empowered Committee subject to the following:

- i. There should be no felling of trees in the forest area for which Working Plan is to be approved for the lapsed period of such Plans.
- ii. The operations during the lapsed period should be limited to management works (forestry activities) such as soil and moisture conservation works, removal of dead decaying and diseased trees, maintenance of fire lines, regeneration operations, etc. without felling of trees.
- iii. Such Working Plans for the lapsed period should invariably be accompanied with an undertaking from the PCCF (Working Plan) of the State/UT concerned stating that Working Plan for the next Plan period, duly incorporating the management operations carried out during the lapsed period, shall be submitted within a period of one year for the approval of Central Government in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Van

(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

3. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Charan Jeet Singh
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State Governments/Union territory Administrations
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), all Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o the PCCF, State Forest Department, all State/UIT Governments
4. Inspector General of Forests, Survey and Utilization Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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