

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

Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests)  
All State Govt./Union territory Administrations

**Sub: Processing of the ongoing proposals on PARIVESH 2.0 in light of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam Rules, 2023 – reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 notified by the Central Government on 29.11.2023 and to inform that adverting to the above provisions many processing authorities, including the Regional Offices of the Ministry, have requested telephonically clarifications on the processing of the proposals which are at the advance stage of their processing but not yet granted 'in-principle' approval. In this connection, it is to inform that after deliberations on the matter in the Ministry, the following has been decided to process the proposals which are at the advance stage of their processing:

- i. Proposals which have already been submitted online on PARIVESH 2.0, processed by the processing authorities, examined or recommended by the Project Screening Committee, recommended by the State or Union territory to Regional Office or MoEF&CC, New Delhi need not to be referred back to the user agency for their re-submission as per the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- ii. In case of proposals which have only been recommended for grant of 'in-principle' but approval of the same has not yet been granted, may have slight changes in the conditions specially with regards to the compensatory afforestation and disposal of proposals pertaining to mining, hydel, encroachment and violations. The Regional Office may proceed to grant of 'in-principle' approval to such proposals which falls within the powers delegated to the Regional Office and Regional Empowered committee as per new rules, subject to change in the conditions specially with regards to raising of compensatory afforestation, as may be applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and submission of the supporting detail thereof along with the compliance of 'in-principle' approval.
- iii. The provisions for raising compensatory afforestation over revenue forest lands, as included in sub-rule (3) of rule 13 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 is not only for projects of Central or State

Government but for all projects irrespective of the nature of the user agency provided the same is exercised as per the provisions provided in the aforementioned provisions of rule 13.

Yours faithfully,

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