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

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To  
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Andhra Pradesh

**Sub: Clarification whether infrastructure activities ancillary to Forest Management requires permission from the Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF & HoFF, Government of Andhra Pradesh's letter No. No. Rc. No.EFS02-15027/7/2024/FCA-3, dated 05.02.2025 on the subject noted above, seeking clarification on applicability of the provisions for the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for upgradation and strengthening of Regional Forest Research Centre for imparting professional compulsory training to forest officers/staff.

In this connection, it is to inform that after examination of the matter in light of provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Guidelines issued thereunder, the clarification is given as under :

The Explanation given under section 2(1) of the Adhiniyam, inter-alia, provides that work relating to or ancillary to conservation, development, and management of forests and wildlife, such as infrastructure for the frontline forest staff will be considered as forestry activity. Therefore, infrastructure proposed in the forest area for conservation, development and management of forests and wildlife will not be considered as a non-forest purpose subject to following:

- i. The proposed works will be implemented by the State Forest Department;
- ii. The proposed facility will be used exclusively for the capacity building of the forest staff/officers for better conservation, development and management of forest and wildlife;
- iii. Afforestation of trees, 10 times to the project affected trees, shall be undertaken by the State Forest Department in the suitable degraded forest land.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,  
(Charan Jeet Singh)  
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2. Dy Director General of Forests, Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Chennai
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