No. 11-246/ 2014-FC

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi -110 001 Dated: X Kugust, 2017

To,

The Addl. PCCF (Cons) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

Clarification regarding inclusion of Army infrastructure project in the 'General approval' under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for construction and widening of two lane roads by the Border Road organization and other road construction agencies entrusted with the job by the Ministry of Defence, in the area falling within the 100 Km aerial distance from the Line of Actual Control-reg.

Sir.

It is with reference to your letter No. FOR 3-166/Cons/2013/Pt-I/349-57 dated 18.04.2017 regarding clarification whether the general approval issued by MoEF&CC vide letter No. 11-246/2014-FC dated 04.07.2017 is applicable to Army Infrastructure Development project falling with in 100 Km of aerial distance from Line of Control (LAC) or not.

The matter has been examined in the Ministry and 1 am directed to clarify that the above stated guidelines will also include Army Infrastructure Development project falling with in 100 Km of aerial distance from LAC.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principle Secretary (Forest), All States/UTs

2. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forest/Nodal Officer, All States/UTs

3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), All Regional Offices, MoEF&CC, Gol.

4. Shri Naresh Kumar, DIG(FC), Shri Nisheeth Sexena, Sr. AIG (FC), FC Division

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