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

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New Delhi: 110003
Dated: 22nd November, 2024

To

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

Sub: Review of time taken by the various processing authorities in the States/UTs to process the proposal submitted online on PARIVESH 2.0 vis-à-vis timelines prescribed under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to inform that recently an exercise to review the time being taken by the various processing authorities of the State/UTs to process the proposals submitted online on PRIVESH 2.0 was undertaken by the Ministry. It was observed that time lines prescribed in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam are not being adhered to by the processing authorities in the State/UTs. In many cases, time being taken by the processing authorities is almost 2 times of the time lines prescribed in the rules. States/UT wise detail of time taken by the various authorities is enclosed herewith. Given the time consumed in processing the proposal by various authorities, the purpose of online process as envisaged under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 is not being served fully. The matter has been viewed very seriously in the Ministry and it was desired that all processing authorities in the State/UT should strictly adhere to the prescribed time lines as provided in the rules.

2. Therefore, to ensure smooth implementation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, it has been desired by the Ministry that regular review by the Principal Secretary (Forests) or PCCF & HoFF may be conducted to assess the time being taken by the various authorities in processing the proposals and strict warnings against the officers not adhering to the time lines may be issued by the State/UTs.

3. Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government and Union territory Administrations to ensure strict adherence to time lines provided in the rules, as mentioned above, and a report on the regular reviews may be submitted to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Signed by
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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, All States Governments and Union territory Administrations
2. Dy Director General of Forests (Central) All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
3. Nodal Officers, dealing with the matters related to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, All States Governments and Union territory Administrations
4. The Director (Technical), NIC, MoEFCC with a request to make necessary arrangement in PARIVESH 2.0 to provide weekly reports to the State/UT containing detail of proposals pending beyond time lines prescribed in the Van (Sarnakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
5. Guard File.

Status	Processing Authorities	Upto 5			
		Prescribed Time	No of Proposal	No of Avg. days	Ratio
Stage 1	PSC	0	1	6.00	0
	DCF/DFO/CF	15	3052	19.92	1.33:1
	Nodal Officer	5	3052	17.42	3.48:1
	State govt	10	3052	23.72	2.37:1
Under Processing	PSC	0	13	45.62	0
	DCF/DFO/CF	15	10046	53.01	3.53:1
	Nodal Officer	5	3237	33.32	6.66:1
	State govt	10	1489	38.00	3.80:1
Status	Processing Authorities	5 to 40			
		Prescribed Time	No of Proposal	No of Avg. days	Ratio
Stage 1	PSC	30	99	19.44	0.65:1
	DCF/DFO/CF	15	107	63.61	4.24:1
	Nodal Officer	10	107	17.55	1.76:1
	State govt	15	107	27.94	1.86:1
Under Processing	PSC	30	986	40.42	1.35:1
	DCF/DFO/CF	15	566	100.61	6.71:1
	Nodal Officer	10	239	22.03	2.20:1
	State govt	15	185	36.15	2.41:1
Status	Processing Authorities	40 to 100			
		Prescribed Time	No of Proposal	No of Avg. days	Ratio
Stage 1	PSC	30	14	12.71	0.42:1
	DCF/DFO/CF	30	28	56.14	1.87:1
	Nodal Officer	15	28	25.43	1.70:1
	State govt	15	28	12.32	0.82:1
Under Processing	PSC	30	171	41.21	1.37:1
	DCF/DFO/CF	30	117	103.48	3.45:1
	Nodal Officer	15	43	26.35	1.76:1
	State govt	15	35	29.60	1.97:1
Status	Processing Authorities	More than 100			
		Prescribed Time	No of Proposal	No of Avg. days	Ratio
Stage 1	PSC	30	9	8.89	0.30:1
	DCF	40	24	56.54	1.41:1
	DCF/DFO/CF	15	24	50.50	3.37:1
	State govt	15	24	10.71	0.71:1
Under Processing	PSC	30	176	31.39	1.05:1
	DCF/DFO/CF	40	137	87.59	2.19:1
	Nodal Officer	15	112	90.62	6.04:1
	State govt	15	34	29.06	1.94:1