

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS  
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To,

The Secretary Forest  
All State/UTs.

**Sub: - Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980**

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the guidelines issued under the Forest ( Conservation) Act 1980 from time to time. Ministry has been receiving proposals from the Sate Govt./UTs where the State Govt./UTs themselves are of the view that the proposed activity cannot be allowed on forest land; such proposals have been sent to Govt. of India with recommendation for rejection.

In this connection it is clarified that for rejection of the proposal, except of the Central Govt. and its organization, approval of the Central Govt. is not required. The State Govt./UTs themselves can intimate the user agency directly of the decision not to allow diversion/denotification of any forest land for non-forestry activity. However, all the proposals involving requirement of forest land for the projects of the Central Govt. and its organization will be decided by the Central Govt. only.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
(G.C. Basumatary)  
Director (FC)

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