

F. No.11-9/98-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhavan,
C.G.O, Complex, Lodi Road,
New Delhi-110 003
Date:- 19.09.2003.

To,

The Secretary (Forests),
All States/UTs).

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

Sir,

Detailed guidelines for submission of proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 were finalised and circulated to all State Government/Union Territories on 25.10.1992. A constant review of these guidelines has been done from time to time.

After a review, the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India vide letters of even number dated 16.10.2000, 31.10.2001 and 23.12.2002, had conveyed its general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from time to time, for diversion of forest land of underground laying of optical fiber cables, underground electric cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines subject to certain parameters/conditions. Last general approval will expire on 15.10.2003. Considering requirement of infrastructure development in the country and for their expeditious implementation, the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government in the country and for their expeditious implementation, the Ministry of Environment & Forests Government of India further extends the period of two years i.e. from 16.10.2003 to 15.10.2005, subject the period of general permission for a period of two years i.e. from 16.10.2003 to 15.10.2003, subject to all the parameters and conditions stipulated in the letters dated 16.10.2000, 31.10.2001 & 23.12.2002.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Govt. of India, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
2. All PCCF/Nodal Officers (All States/UTs) for information and with a request to submit the complete details of forest land diverted for the purpose during 16.10.2000 to 15.10.2003 to the respective Regional Officers.
3. All Regional Offices with a request to submit a statue report on such diversions under their jurisdiction and to review whether the conditions on which this clearance was accorded are being complied with or not.
4. IGF (FC), Director (FC), AIGs (FC).

Sd/-

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Asstt. Inspector General of Forests