

F.No. 2-1/2004-FC(Pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
F.C. Division

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Dated: - 10th Marh, 2004

To,

The Secretary ( Forests),  
All States and Union Territories.

**Subject: -Supreme Court Orders that 13/11/2000 & 09/02/2004 in Writ Petition (C) No. 337 of 1995 and order dated 30.10.2002 & 01/08/2003 in IA N. 566 in Writ Petition (C) No. 202 of 1995.**

Sir,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has passed the following order on 13.11.2000:-

"Pending further orders no dereservation of forests/National Parks/ Sanctuaries shall be effected."

Further, on 09/02/2004, the Hon'ble Court rejected the appeal of the Government of India praying for deletion of the word "forest" from the above mentioned order. Therefore, the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 13/11/2000, as mentioned above, is still operative.

In view of the above mentioned orders, all the approvals, including conversion of forest village into revenue villages and regularisation of encroachments, issued by the Central Government after 13/11/2000 under Forest ( Conservation) Act, 1980, stand modified to the extent that the legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

Further, in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in IA No. 566 in Writ Petition (C) No. 202 of 1995, the User Agency shall deposit the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land in all the approvals ( Stage-I) including conversion of forest villages into revenue villages and regularisation of encroachments, issued by the Central Government after 30.10.2002 under Forest ( Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(ANURAG BAJPAI)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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