

Copy of letter No.8-474/82-FRY (CONS) Dt. 13TH July, 84 from the Saroj Kapoor, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi to the All States.

Sub: General guidelines for release of forest land for construction of railway Department.

I am directed to say that requests are being received from the State Governments for release of forest land for laying of railway lines etc. IN order to have a uniform procedure, it has been decided after due consideration, that the, following conditions shall be followed as and when any forest land is favour of the Railways for laying new lines:-

- a) The Status of the forest land will remain unchanged; However, the railways will have surface rights of usage over the land;
- b) Compensator plantation over an equivalent area will be undertaken by the Forest Department at the cost of the Railways;
- c) All available space, after construction of the railway line, and the strips on Other side of the line should be allowed to be planted by trees by the Forest Departments; and
- d) The Railways will undertake all fire protection measures as required by the Forest Department to save adjoining forest from fire for which detailed conditions should be incorporated in the transfer deed by the State Government concerned.

Past cases may also be reviewed and above conditions from (a) to (d) may be incorporated in the sanction letters.

Sd/-
Saroj Kapoor

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For Chief Conservator of Forests

Approved for issue,

Superintendent.

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