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MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 27th December, 1980 and is hereby published for general information.

THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT 1980
No. 69 of 1980

(27th December 1980)

An Act to provide for the conservation of forests and for matters connected therewith or ancillary or incidental there to.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Thirty-first year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be called the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980
(2.) It extends to the whole of India, Except the State of Jammu and Kashmir
(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 25th day of October, 1980
2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force in a State, no State Government or other authority shall make, except with the prior approval of the Central Government, and order directing:
 - i) that any reserved forest (within the meaning of the expression “Reserved Forest” in any law for the time being in force in that State or any portion thereof shall cease to be reserved.
 - ii) That any forest land or any portion thereof may be used for any non forest/purpose.

Act 1980 short title, extent and comments Restriction on the dis reservation of forests of use forest land for Non-forest purpose.

Explanation: For the purpose of this section “non-forest purposes means breaking up or clearing of any forest land or portion thereto for any purpose other than reforestation.

Constitution
of Advisory
Committee

3. The Central Government may constitute a Committee consisting of such number of persons as it may deem fit to advise that Government with regard to:
- i) the grant of approved under section 2 and
 - ii) Any other matter connected with the conservation of Forests which may be referred to it by the Central Government.

Power to
Make rules

4. i) The Central Government may by notification in the official Gazette make rules for carrying out the provisions of this act.

(2) Every rule made under this Act should be laid as soon as may be after it is made, before each house of Parliament. While it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in or more successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session immediately following the sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modifications in the rule or both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule of both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter affect only in such modified form or be of no effect, at the case may be, so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

Repeal and
Saving

5. (i) The Forest (Conservation) Ordinance 1980 is hereby repealed with effect from the 17th day of 1980

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the provisions of the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

R.V.S. PERI SASTRI
Sy. to the Government of India.

Entd. on SP3. 17036/S1 Dt. 6.4.1981

Copy to Addl. CCF., All Conservator of Forests

Sd/- for Chief Conservator of Forest.

Ent. on G2.991/81 Dt. 30/06/1981

Copy to all contract section and D & Di section.

For Conservator of Forests,
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