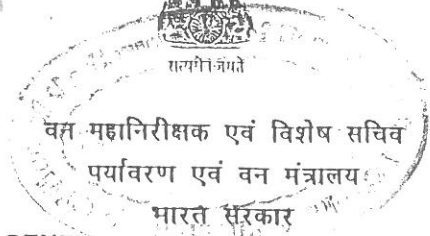




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Dear Shri Mohan Kumar

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As you are aware that the Government of India after review of the Joint Forest Management (JFM) in the country, have issued fresh guidelines on 21.2.2000 (a copy is enclosed for your ready reference). In this regard, Union Minister of Environment and Forests has also written to all the Chief Ministers regarding providing legal backup to the Joint Forest Management Committees in the States (copy enclosed). The State Governments have been requested in these guidelines for registering these committees under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. This has been suggested for not only to provide legal backup to the Committees but also to provide them operational identity and make them more responsive. In this regard, it has been desired in the Minister's letter to all the Chief Ministers to complete the process of registration by 31.3. 2000.

I am writing to further request you to take expeditious steps so that the process is completed by 31st March, 2000.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
(C.P. Oberai)

Encl.as above

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- for information and necessary action.

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