



Copy of Government of India letter No.F.No.1149/98-FC dated, 23.12.2002 from the Asstt. Inspector General of Forests Ministry of Environment and Forests, F.C.Division, Paiyavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003. addressed to the Secretary (Forests)-(All States/UTs).

Sub:-Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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

After a recent review the Ministry vide letters of even number dated, 16.10.2000 and 31.10.2001 had conveyed its general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for underground laying of optical fiber cables, underground electricity cables, underground laying of telephone lines & underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines subject to certain parameters/conditions and was initially for a period of two years w.e.f. 16.10.2000. Now in continuation of the above mentioned letters, the period of general permission is extended for a period of one year i.e. with effect from 16.10.2002 to 15.10.2003 subject to all the stated parameters and conditions stipulated in the letters dated, 16.10.2000 and 31.10.2001.

Handwritten notes: 9/3, 16/10/03, 30/1, 30/1, 30/1

Yours faithfully,
Sd/.

(R.K.GUPTA)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests.

Copy to 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 16.10.2002 to 15.10.2002 to the respective Regional Offices.

Endt. on FC2.22338/01 Dated, 8.1.2003

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for Chief Conservator of Forests(A)