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MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
(LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT)

New Delhi, the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1980/ Kartika 3, 1902 (Saka)

THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ORINANSE, 1980. No.17 of 1980.

Promulgated by the president in the Thirty-first Year of the Republic of India.

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

WHEREAS parliament is not in session and the president is satisfied that circumstances exist which render necessary for him to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution, the president is pleased to promulgate the following ordinance:-

<p>(1) This ordinance may be called the Forest (Conservation) Ordinance, 1980.</p> <p>(2) It extends to the whole of India except The State of Jammu and Kashmir.</p> <p>(3) It shall come into force at once.</p>	<p>short title extend &amp; Commencement</p>
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2. No withstanding anything contained in any other law for the time-being is force in a State, no State Govt, or other authority shall make, except with the prior approval of the Central govt., any order directing –

<p>(i) that any reserved Forest ( within the meaning of the expression “Reserved Forest” in any law for the time-being force in that State) or any portion thereof, shall cease to be reserved;</p> <p>(ii) that any forest land or any portion there of may be used for any non-forest purpose.</p>	<p>Reservation on the de- reservation of forests on use of forest land for non-forest purpose.</p>
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Explanation - for the purpose of this section “non-forest purpose” means breaking up or clearing of any forest land or portion thereof for any purpose of other than reforestation.

3. The central Govt. may constitute a committee consisting of such No. of persons as it may deem fit to advise that Govt. with regard to

<p>(i)the grant of approval under section 2; and (ii)any other matter connected with The conservation of forest which may be referred to it by the Central Govt.</p>	<p>Constitution of Advisory Committee.</p>
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4. (1) The Central Govt. may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this ordinance power to make rules.

(2) Every rule made under this ordinance shall 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 the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree to making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect, as 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.

N. SANJIVA REDDY,  
President.

R.V.S. PERI SASTRI,  
Secy, to the Govt. of India.

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For Chief Conservator of Forest

Govt. of India

Ministry of Agriculture, (Deptt: of Agri, Coopn)

No. 8.4/80-KRY(FD) Coord.

New Delhi, the 6-11-80.

To

1. The Secretary, Forest Deptt, State/U.T
2. The Chief Conservator of forests, Kerala, TVM. State/U.T

Sub: Legislation for protection of Forests – Promulgation ordinance to Central diversion of forest land for non - Forest uses.

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Forest (Conservation ordinance, 1980 on the subject noted above for information and strict.

Sd/- J.P. Bhatnagar,  
Under Secretary to Govt. of India.

Copy together with a copy of the enclosure forward for information to :-

1. P.S. to Minister (A.&RR)/P.S. to Minister of State/P.S to Dy. Minister/P.S. to Secy. (A. & C.).
2. All officers of the Forestry Divn. of the Deptt: of Agri: & Co-operation.
3. National Committee on Environmental Planning & Co-ordination, Deptt; of Science & Technology, New Nehruli Road, New Delhi.
4. Guard File.

Sd/- J.P. Bhatnagar,  
Under Secy. to Govt. of India

Endt, on C4-52055/80/L.Dis.

Copy of Govt. of India Letter No. 8.4/80/KRY(FD)/Co-ordination dt. 80 with copy of its encloses forwarded to all CFS & DFOs for information attention.

Endt. on G1-16705/80 dt. 3-12-80.

Copy with copy of enclosure to stock file & Conservator of Forest for information.

For Conservator of Forests,  
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