

No.8-22/81-FRY (Coord)
Government of India,
Ministry of Agriculture,
(Department of Agri. (Coops).

ANNEXURE-V

New Delhi, the 11th March, 1982.

To

Forest Secretaries of the Govt. of
All State/Union Territories.

Sub:- Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Requirement of forest lands for laying the
Transmission lines.

Sir,

In this Department's letter No.8-22/81-FRY (Coord) dated 24-9-1981 it has already been clarified that the work of construction and laying of transmission lines in forest areas attracts the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and that the prior permission of the Central Government must be obtained before the use of forest areas is allowed for this purpose.

Recently, it was represented to the Prime Minister that use of forest areas for laying of transmission lines should be exempted from the provisions of the above mentioned Apt. In this connection the Prime Minister has made the following observations:-

“Where laying of transmission lines involve cutting of trans, we should fix feasible alternatives.”

It has been clarified earlier that while determining the alignment of any transmission line, forest areas should be avoided so far as possible. Use of forest land for this purpose should be allowed only if totally unavoidable and after obtaining the prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Samar Singh)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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For Conservator of Forests,

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