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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All States / Union Territory Governments except Jammu and Kashmir

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

Sir,

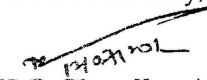
I am directed to refer to the para 4.7 (i) of the guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, which reads as below:

*"Forest area required for safety zone for mining operations should not be part of the forest area proposed for diversion. However, it should be indicated separately in the proposal. Such area will have to be fenced at the cost of the project authority. Further, project authority will have to deposit funds with the Forest Department for the protection and regeneration of such safety zone area and also will have to bear the cost of afforestation over one and a half times of the safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere."*

The Ministry of Environment and Forests after review of the said guideline decided that the para 4.7 (i) of the said guideline should read as below:

*"Approval under the Act for diversion of entire forest land located within the mining lease, including the forest land located in safety zone, should be obtained before execution of mining lease in favour of the user agency. However, forest area required for safety zone should be indicated separately in the proposal. Such area will have to be fenced at the cost of the project authority. Further, project authority will have to deposit funds with the Forest Department for the protection and regeneration of such safety zone area and also will have to bear the cost of afforestation over one and a half times of the safety zone area in degraded forest elsewhere."*

Yours faithfully,

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)

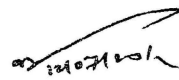
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.

2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
3. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
4. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests in Forest Conservation Division, MoEF.
5. Director, Regional Office (Headquarters), Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

*Agreed*  
*18/11/12*



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