

Copy of letter No. 2-2/2000-FC dated from V.B. Kumar, Asstt. I.G.F. (FC) Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-3 to the Forest Secretaries (all states) and concerned PCCFs (PCCF, Rajasthan, Jaipur) etc.etc. Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan, Jaipur endorsement No. F.16(Circular)97/FP/PCCF/7476-727 dated 9 November, 2000

Sub.: Guidelines for site inspection of the proposal submitted by the State Governments under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to para 4, 10 (ii) of the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that after careful consideration, the Ministry has decided to amend this provision as per below:

4.10(ii) "In respect of proposals involving diversion of forest land above 100 hectare, site inspections shall be carried out by the Regional offices of the Ministry. However, the State / UT Governments required to continue to send a copy of proposals involving diversion of forest land above 20 hectare to the concerned Regional Office as per existing practice.

In respect of proposals involving renewal of leases, the Regional Offices of the Ministry should submit a copy of the report of the latest monitoring done (one year before the expiry of lease period) alongwith the abstract of monitoring report of the project during the lease period specially highlighting the conditions which have not been fulfilled, with complete details of the reasons for not fulfilling. The conditions which have been complied with should also be highlighted with the quality of performance of the project authorities with short note on the desirability of renewal of lease and other recommendations." I am further directed to invite your kind attention to para 4.10(i) of the Guideline and to say that the site inspection (report) by the State Forest Officials namely DFO and CF are not being strictly followed.

It is therefore, requested to ensure that every proposal upto 40 hectare must be accompanied by a site inspection report from the DFO and proposals involving above 40 hectare should have a site inspection report of the CF. They should, apart from providing the information in the proforma, also attach a clear cut certificate as regards the violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In case, violation has taken place, a detailed report should be submitted by the DFO and countersigned by the CF alongwith the proposal.