

Copy of letter no. 11-14/94-FC dated 01.11.2001 from Shri R.K. Gupta, Asstt. Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment and Forests, F.C. Divison, Govt. of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 to the Secretary (Forests) all States etc. Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan, Jaipur endorsement No. F.16(Circular)2000/FP/PCCF/9730-9887 dated 24 Nov.,2001

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

Sir,

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

The Ministry view its Guideline para 4.8 prescribes certain guidelines for submission of Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CATP) for irrigation projects. Although, mention of CATP for Hydroelectric projects is not made in this item but the same is being insisted upon in cases of proposals seeking diversion of forest land. Therefore, to make the matters more clear, the Ministry hereby inserts a new Guideline "Para 4.8 A" as follows :

"4.8 A. Catchment Area Treatment Plan for Hydro-electric projects.

Proposals for diversion of forest land for Hydro-electric projects shall invariably be accompanied by detailed catchment area treatment plan. However, in respect of small hydel projects (maximum upto 10 MW capacity), which are either canal head or run-of the river projects without involving impounding of water/submergence of forest land, catchment area treatment plan will not be insisted."

Kindly acknowledge receipt.