

Copy of letter No. 8-53/96-FC dated 29th November, 2002 from Shri M.K. Sharma, DGF & SS, Ministry of Environment & Forests, (F.C. Divison), Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex. Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 to all PCCFs/etc. Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan, Jaipur endorsement No. F.16(Circular)2000/FP/PCCF/609-748 dated 15 Jan., 2003

Sub.: Non compliance with the conditions of the Stage – I approval and violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

Sir,

It has come to the notice of this Ministry that in many cases the State Governments are not properly monitoring the implementatin of the projects cleaned by this Ministry under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It is also observed in some cases that the User Agency start the work immediatly after the Stage-I clearance without complying with the conditions and getting the final approval by the Central Government which is a violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Therefore, I am to request you to direct the concerned Divisional Forest Officers to monitor the project activities carefully under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and ensure that the User Agency should follow the conditions stipulated in the State-I approval of the various projects and they should not permit any activity of the project until the User Agency comply with all the conditions of the Stage-I approval and gets final approval from the Central Government.