

Copy of letter No. F.No.5-5/98-FC dated 15.01.03 from Shri R.K. Gupta Asstt. Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, F.C. Division, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (All States) etc.

Sub.: The Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 1981 have been superseded by the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 vide Gazette of India, Extraordinary notification No. G.S.R. 23(E) dated 10.01.2003. A copy of the notification is enclosed for reference. The major changes in the new Rules are as follows:-

1. Two forms instead of the earlier one Form Clear demarcation in Forms for processing at various levels.
2. User agency to submit complete proposal to the Nodal Officer of the State.
3. Specific time-limits for disposal of the proposals at the State Government / Central Government have been specified.
4. Regional Offices of the Ministry to process proposals involving diversion of forest land upto forty hectares.
5. उत्तराखण्ड सरकार वित्त विभाग, देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड