

F.No. II-9/98-FC Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, F.C. Division, Paryawaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 dated 19.9.2003 Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan, Jaipur endorsement No. F.16(Circular)2000/FP/PCCF/11238-11378 Dated 31 October 2003

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 the State Government/Union Territories on 25.10.1992. A constant review of these guidelines has been done from time to time.

After a review, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, vide letter of even number dated 16.10.2000, 31.10.2001 and 23.12.2002, had conveyed its general approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from time to time, for diversion of forest land for underground laying of optical fiber cables, underground electric cables, underground laying of telephone lines and underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines subject to certain parameters/conditions. Last general approval will expire on 15.10.2003. Considering requirement of infrastructure development in the country and for their expeditions implementation, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India further extends the period of general permission for a period of two years i.e. from 16.10.2003 to 15.10.2005 subject to all the parameters and conditions stipulated in the letters dated 16.10.2000, 31.10.2001 & 23.12.2002.

Yours faithfully,  
Signature/  
(Anurag Bajpai)  
Asstt. Inspector General of Forests