Subject : Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Guidelines for collection of Net Present Value.

Sir,
In continuation of this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 17.9.2003 regarding guidelines for collection of Net Present Value in compliance of the orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 in I.A. No. 566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995, I am directed to clarify that NPV will be charged in all those cases which have been granted in-principle approval after 30.10.2002. NPV will be realized before State-II (Final) approval.
NPV will also be charged in all those cases, where State-I approval has been granted after 30.10.2002 and final approval has also been granted.
All the States/UTs shall comply with the orders of the Hon’ble Court and complete the collection process of NPV for the cases approved under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 after 30.10.2002, within a period of two months and submit a compliance report through their respective Regional Offices of this Ministry. Regional Offices shall submit the compliance report to the Ministry after due verification.