Copy of letter No. F.No.5-5/98-FC(Pt. 1) dated 15/16-12-2003 from Shri Anurag Bajpai, Asstt. Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, F.C. Divison, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 to the Principal Secretary (Forests), All States / UT Governments & copy to PCCF, all States / UT Governments etc. Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan, Jaipur No. F16(Circular)2004/FP/PCCF/535-684 dated 9 January, 2004

Sub.: Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003- Submission of DRP under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

## Sir,

Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 notified on 10.01.2003, prescribe a new format for the submission of project proposals by the user agencies to the respective State / UT Government. It has come to the notice of this Ministry that some of the State / UT Governments are returning even those proposals for resubmission in new format, to the respective user agencies which have been received by them prior to notification of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003.

In this, context, I am directed to clarify that the new format is applicable to those project proposals which have been submitted by the User Agency to the respective State / UT Governments on 10/01/2003 and there after. The proposal in the pipeline before 10/01/2003 should be processed.