

Copy of letter No. F.No.11-9/98-FC dated 6th/15th January, 2004 from Shri Anurag Bajpai, Asstt. Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India (FC Division), Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 to the Secretary (Forests), all States & UTs copy to all PCCFs (All States / UTs) etc. Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan, Jaipur endorsement No. F16(Circular)2004/FP/PCCF/1139-1288 dated 29 January, 2004

Sub.: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Clarification.

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 all the State Government / Union Territories by the Ministry of Environment & Forests vide letter number 2-1/2003 dated 20.10.2003, Para 4.2(i) of the guidelines states that the non forest land which has been transferred and mutated in favour of State Forest Department for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 prior to Stage – II clearance (formal approval).

In this regard, it is clarified that the State / UT Government should notify such non-forest land under section-4 for reserved forest or under section-29 for protected forest, of Indian Forest Act, 1927 prior to Stage II, clearance.

It issues with the approval of the competent authority.