

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan, Jaipur Circular no. F.16(Circular)97/FP/ PCCF/ 1926-2076 dated 23 February, 2001

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

The Government of India vide letter No.11-9/98-FC dated 16.10.2000 has conveyed its general approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for underground laying of optical fiber cables, underground laying of telephone lines & underground laying of drinking water supply pipelines which involve no tree felling, are outside National Parks or wildlife sanctuary, are laid along the roads and within the existing right of way and the maximum size of the trench is 2.00 metre depth & 1.00 metre width.

In view of the above guidelines and looking at the importance assigned by the State Government to such type of investments in the State, this office issued instructions vide Circular No. F.16(Circular/97/FP/ PCCF/8660 dated 11 th December, 2000 for grant of permission to the user agency on the submission of application under Rajasthan Forest Act, 1953. It is directed that all such proposals for permission must essentially be first received in your office and a written receipt for the same may be given to the user agency as an acknowledgement and then the proposal may be disposed within a period of 10 days under intimation to this office failing which the concerned official will be held responsible for the delay. Pending cases if any in this regard in your office be disposed off and intimated to this office.

Signature/
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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