To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State/UT Governments.

Sub: Guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980- Realization of amount required for implementation of CAT Plan in more than one installment for small hydel projects having installed capacity less than 25 MW.

The Government of India have been receiving representations for receiving amount required for implementation of Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan in more than one installment for small hydel projects.

The matter has been examined in the Ministry, and after careful consideration, the Central Government hereby decides that the amount required for implementation of the Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan for hydel projects having installed capacity less than 25 MW may be realized in more than one installment, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

(a) It shall be applicable only to the small hydel projects having installed capacity less than 25 MW;

(b) The last installment shall be realized at least six months prior to commission of the project; and

(c) State Government shall submit an undertaking that the annual installment of funds realized from the user agency for implementation of the CAT Plan shall be transferred to Ad-hoc AMPA within fifteen days from its receipt.

This issuance is subject to the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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