## GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS

No.F.1 (71) Forest/2002

Jaipur, dated: 1.5. 2011

- 1) PCCF(HoFF) Rajasthan, Jaipur
- 2) All Divisional Commissioners
- 3) Member Secretary, RSPCB, Jaipur
- 4) All District Collectors

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Eco Sensitive Zone and permissibility of various activities

Sir,

Hon'ble Supreme Court showed concern on the deterioration of eco conditions around sanctuaries and national parks and directed the Govt. of India to notify eco-sensitive zone around each of the protected area. On this, Govt. of India sought advice/proposal from the State Governments.

State Government, after careful consideration of various aspects of development vis-à-vis eco-balance, finalised the draft notification and sent the proposal to Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide letter of even number dated 7.1.11. Copy of the draft notification was sent to Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, MS, RPCB and all District Collectors vide this office letter even number dated 31.3.11. Please take note of the eco-sensitive zone proposed around various protected areas of your district and the restrictions/permissibility of various types of activities in the ecosensitive zone.

On receipt of this proposal, Govt. of India has made certain suggestions and raised some queries vide communication dated 5.4.11 from Minister of State, Shri Jairam Ramesh addressed to the Chief Minister, Rajasthan. Copy of this communication too is annexed.

It should also be noted that Govt. of India vide their letter No. B-10/2011/WL dated 15.3.11 has also imposed certain restrictions.

It is essential that the contents of the above communications are noted by all the concerned, particularly by District Collectors and Divisional Forest Officers and it is ensured that no action is taken which violates any of the provisions as it may not only defeat the spirit behind the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Environment (Protection) Act, 1980 and the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 but may invite ire of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

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