

**F. No. 11-09/ 98-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Aliganj, Jorbagh Road  
New Delhi - 110 001  
Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests)**  
All States /Union Territories

**Sub:** General approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure by Government Departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2013, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 read with this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, on the above-mentioned subject, wherein this Ministry accorded general approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for creation of critical public utility infrastructure of certain categories, as specified in these letters by Government Departments involving not more than 5.00 hectares of forest land in each case in 117 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts, as specified in these letters, subject to conditions specified in these letters read with this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, for a period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

2. I am also directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 on the above-mentioned subject wherein this Ministry extended the said general approval to projects involving diversion of forest land, not located within the protected areas, for construction of two lane public roads by Government Departments in the said 117 LWE affected districts, irrespective of the area of forest land involved in such projects, for a period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

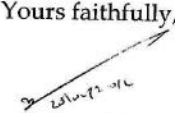
3. This Ministry has received representations to extend the period of validity of these general approvals.

4. Accordingly, after careful examination of the matter in this Ministry, I am directed to say that period of validity of the afore-mentioned general approvals has been extended till the period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.



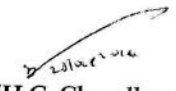
This issues with approval of the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director

**Copy to:-**

1. Prime Minister's Office (*Kind attn.*: Shri Santosh D. Vaidya, Director), New Delhi.
2. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi.
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all States/Union territories.
7. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all States/Union territories.
8. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
9. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
10. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Director in the Forest Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
11. Director, Regional Offices Headquarters Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
12. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
13. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
14. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
15. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
16. PS to the Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India.
17. Guard File.

  
(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Director