To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States / Union Territory Governments except Jammu and Kashmir


Sir,

I am directed to say that to ensure accurate delineation of the forest area proposed to be diverted, in future all applications seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose must be accompanied with geo-referenced boundary in shape file. The application should also contain a digital map along with a hard copy duly authenticated by competent authority in the State Government, of the forest land proposed for diversion, prepared by using Total Station or differential GPS. In case the applicant desires, the above digital mapping of the area should be done by the respective State Forest Department by realizing appropriate cost from the user agency.

Yours faithfully,

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3. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
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