To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
(All States / UTs).

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – General approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, thereof.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 03.01.2005 where by general approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was granted initially for a period of two years ending 31.12.2006, has been further extended up to 31.12.2008 or until the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is brought into force, whichever is earlier.

Yours faithfully

(C.D. Singh)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. PMO (Atten.: Ms. Kalpana Awasthi, Director), New Delhi.
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4. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.
6. All PCCFs / Nodal Officers (All States/UTs).
7. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
8. Director General of Police (All States/UTs).
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