

F. No. 11-9/98-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
 CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
 New Delhi - 110 510.
 Dated: 03rd November, 2010

To

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

Sub: General Approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to LWE affected districts for diversion of forest land for certain activities to be carried out by the Government Department involving not more than 2.00 ha of forest land—reg.

Sir,

The Ministry of Environment and Forests organized a National Conference on Forestry Administration in Left Wing Extremism affected Areas on 07.08.2010 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, which was attended by the Divisional Forest Officers of 35 worst LWE affected districts of 9 States with their respective Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Additional Chief Secretary & Principal Secretary (Forests). Representatives from various organizations and individuals with experiences of working in these areas were also invited to participate in this conference. The Union Minister for Home, the Minister for Tribal Affairs and the Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission were invited to interact with the field level forest officers of these districts to discuss their experiences and difficulties in forestry administration. One of the important and actionable points that emerged from the discussions held during the National Conference is given below:

"It was decided that the Forest department would be more pro-active in dealing with cases where critical public infrastructure works are being taken up by the local administration in these districts and if required a special mechanism can be worked out within the ambit of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 to expedite such clearances."

Accordingly, under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the existing general approval for certain activities to be carried out by the Government Departments involving not more than 1.00 ha of forest land has been further relaxed to diversion of not more than 2.00 ha of forest land by the Central Government. These activities included the following:

1. Schools,
2. Dispensaries/Hospitals,
3. Electrical and Telecommunication Lines,
4. Drinking Water,
5. Water/Rain Water Harvesting Structures,
6. Minor Irrigation Canal,
7. Non Conventional Sources of Energy,
8. Skill up Gradation/Vocational Training Center,
9. Power Sub-stations,
10. Rural roads
11. Communication Posts; and
12. Police establishments like Police Stations / Outposts / Border Outposts / Watch Towers in sensitive area (identified by Ministry of Home Affairs); and
13. Underground laying of optical fibre cables, telephone lines & drinking water supply lines.

The General Approval shall be subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i. The relaxation in 'General Approvals' for public infrastructure works covering above listed activities in 35 worst LWE affected districts shall not be more than 2.00 ha of forest land.
- ii. The extension of such relaxation shall also be applicable to all other LWE districts as and when identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- iii. All other terms and conditions as contained in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 03.01.2005 and 11.09.2009, by which general approval involving not more than 1.00 ha of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was granted, will also be applicable in this case.
- iv. All other terms and conditions as contained in this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16.10.2000 and 08.04.2009, by which general approval for underground laying of optical fibre cables, telephone lines and drinking water supply lines involving not more than 1.00 ha of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 was granted, will also be applicable in this case.

It may also be noted that this General Approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is further relaxation in 'General Approvals' for public infrastructure works covering above listed activities in LWE affected districts up to 2.00 ha of forest land for a period of five year i.e. up to 31.12.2015 on the terms and conditions given above.

Yours faithfully,


(C.D. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- 1. The Director, PMO, New Delhi for kind information.
- 2. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat New Delhi.
- 3. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
- 4. The Member Secretary, Planning Commission, New Delhi.
- 5. The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
- 6. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.
- 7. All PCCFs / Nodal Officers (All States/UTs).
- 8. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
- 9. Director General of Police (All States/UTs).
- 10. Dy. Secretary (FC) / AIGs (FC).
- 11. File No. 2-1/2003-FC
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Paryavaran Bhawan,
 CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
 New Delhi - 110 510.
 Dated: 28th January, 2011.

To

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

Sub: Extension of General Approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 involving not more than 2.00 ha of forest land from 35 to 83 LWE affected districts and 60 districts selected for Integrated Action Plan (IAP) by Planning Commission - reg.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 03.11.2010, communicating the 'General Approval' involving not more than 2.00 ha of forest land under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for public infrastructure works in 35 LWE affected districts for a period of five year i.e. up to 31.12.2015 on certain terms and conditions, I am directed to convey the approval of the Central Government for further extension of above General Approval for public infrastructure works from 35 to 83 LWE affected districts identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and 60 districts selected for Integrated Action Plan (IAP) identified by the Planning Commission.

The lists of 83 LWE affected districts and 60 IAP districts are also enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



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Deputy Inspector General of Forests

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83 districts included under the SRE Scheme of MHA

<u>Andhra Pradesh</u>	<u>Chhattisgarh</u>	<u>Maharashtra</u>
1. Anantapur	32. Bastar	60. Chandrapur
2. Adilabad	33. Bijapur	61. Gadchiroli
3. East Godavari	34. Dantewada	62. Gondia
4. Guntur	35. Jashpur	
5. Karimnagar	36. Kanker	<u>Orissa</u>
6. Khammam	37. Korea (Baikunthpur)	63. Gajapati
7. Kumool	38. Narayanpur	64. Ganjam
8. Medak	39. Rajnandgaon	65. Keonjhar
9. Mehboobnagar	40. Sarguja	66. Koraput
10. Nalgonda		67. Malkangiri
11. Prakasam	<u>Jharkhand</u>	68. Mayurbhanj
12. Srikakulam	41. Bokaro	69. Navrangpur
13. Visakhapatnam	42. Chatra	70. Rayagada
14. Vizianagaram	43. Dhanbad	71. Sambhalpur
15. Warangal	44. East Singhbhum	72. Sundargarh
16. Nizamabad	45. Garhwa	73. Nayagarh
<u>Bihar</u>	46. Giridih	74. Kondhamal
17. Arwal	47. Gumla	75. Deogarh
18. Aurangabad	48. Hazaribagh	76. Jajpur
19. Bhojpur	49. Koderma	77. Dhenkanal
20. East Champaran	50. Latehar	<u>Uttar Pradesh</u>
21. Gaya	51. Lohardagga	78. Chandauli
22. Jamui	52. Palamu	79. Mirzapur
23. Jehanabad	53. Ranchi	80. Sonebhadra
24. Kaimur	54. Simdega	
25. Munger	55. Saraikela-Kharaswan	<u>West Bengal</u>
26. Nalanda	56. West Singhbhum	81. Bankura
27. Nawada	57. Khunti	82. Midnapore
28. Patna	58. Ramgarh	83. Purulia
29. Rohtas	<u>Madhya Pradesh</u>	
30. Sitamarhi	59. Balaghat	
31. West Champaran		

List of districts covered under IAP shown in bold letters.(AP-2, Bihar-7, Chh.garh-9, JH.-14, MP-1, MAH.-2, OR.-11,UP-1 & WB-1=TOTAL-48)

Annexure-I]

List of Districts Identified as Tribal and Backward by Planning Comm

Sl. No.	State	Name of the District
1	Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad
2	Andhra Pradesh	Khammam
3	Bihar	Arwal
4	Bihar	Aurangabad
5	Bihar	Gaya
6	Bihar	Jamui
7	Bihar	Jehanabad
8	Bihar	Nawada
9	Bihar	Rohtas
10	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
11	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur
12	Chhattisgarh	Dantewada
13	Chhattisgarh	Jashpur
14	Chhattisgarh	Kanker
15	Chhattisgarh	Kawardha
16	Chhattisgarh	Koriya
17	Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur
18	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon
19	Chhattisgarh	Surguja
20	Jharkhand	Bokaro
21	Jharkhand	Chatra
22	Jharkhand	Garhwa
23	Jharkhand	Gumla
24	Jharkhand	Hazaribag
25	Jharkhand	Kodama
26	Jharkhand	Latehar
27	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
28	Jharkhand	Pachim Singhbhum
29	Jharkhand	Palamu
30	Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum
31	Jharkhand	Ram Garh
32	Jharkhand	Saraikele
33	Jharkhand	Simdega

35	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat
36	Madhya Pradesh	Dindori
37	Madhya Pradesh	Mandla
38	Madhya Pradesh	Seoni
39	Madhya Pradesh	Shahdol
40	Madhya Pradesh	Sidhi
41	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria
42	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
43	Maharashtra	Gondiya
44	Orissa	Balangir
45	Orissa	Debagarh/Deogarh
46	Orissa	Gajapati
47	Orissa	Kalahandi
48	Orissa	Kandhamal/Phulbani
49	Orissa	Kendujhar/Keonjhar
50	Orissa	Koraput
51	Orissa	Malkangiri
52	Orissa	Mayurbhanj
53	Orissa	Nabarangapur
54	Orissa	Nuapada
55	Orissa	Rayagada
56	Orissa	Sambalpur
57	Orissa	Sonapur
58	Orissa	Sundargarh
59	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
60	West Bengal	Paschim Medinipur