

F.No. 11-168/2009-FC (pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests  
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhavan  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi-110510.  
Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2012

To

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

Sub: Strengthening of the office of the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a Group of Minister constituted by the Cabinet Secretariat vide their O.M. No. 121/4/3/2010-Cab. Dated 3.2.2011 to consider the environment and developmental issues relating to coal mining and other development projects in its fifth meeting held under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Finance Minister on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 inter-aha accepted the recommendation made by a committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission that period of maintenance of afforestation may be increased from the existing 5 years to 7-10 years to ensure the maintenance of forest cover improves.

Accordingly, I am directed to say that the said decision of the GoM may kindly be kept in view while formulating proposals for creation and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest land diverted for non forest purposes.

Yours faithfully

(H.C. Chaudhary)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Government except Jammu and Kashmir
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Government except Jammu and Kashmir.
3. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
4. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests in Forest Conservation Division, MoEF.
5. Director, Regional, Office (Headquarters), Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.

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Bhopal, dated 2-3-2012

Copy to:

1. All Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Madhya Pradesh.
2. All Divisional Forest Officers (T) Madhya Pradesh.

For information and necessary action.

APCCF (LM)  
Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh