

F. No. 5-1/98-FC (Pt-II)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
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To
The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Jharkhand,
Ranchi.

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under Forest
(Conservation) Act, 1980 - Clarification regarding utilization of funds received
from the user agencies for Compensatory Afforestation and other works.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. Vanbhumi-56/2005/5050 dated 12.09.2005 on the
above mentioned subject. In this connection, I am directed to inform you that all the
State/UT Governments have already been requested vide letter dated 2-1/2003-FC (Pt-
II) dated 22.03.2004 that the funds for Net Present Value, Compensatory Afforestation,
Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan and other works for conservation and protection
of forests, as received from the user agencies while diverting the forest land for non-
forestry use shall be kept in the form of Fixed Deposits (FDs) in the name of concerned
Divisional Forest Officer or the Nodal Officer (FC) of the State in a nationalized bank till
the CAMPA becomes operational.

Vide this office letter of even no. dated 23.06.2004, addressed to Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests, Tripura with copy to all PCCFs and Nodal Officers, it has also
been clarified that the State/UT Governments may break the FDs as per their
requirement for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation, CAT Plan and other such
works and open a current account in the name of concerned DFO. The balance amount
may be maintained as FDs in the name of concerned DFO or the Nodal Officer. In view
of the above, the State/UT Governments may utilize the funds for CA, CAT Plan and
other works as received from the user agencies, as per their requirements. However, the
funds for NPV shall not be utilized by the State/UT Governments.

Yours faithfully,


(Pankaj Asthana)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :-

1. The Secretary (Forests), All State/UTs for similar action.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State/UTs for similar action.
3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, All State/UTs for similar action.
4. All Regional Offices.
5. The Director (FC)/ AIGs (FC), MoEF, New Delhi.

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