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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira ParyavaranBhawan Aliganj, Jorbagh Road New Delhi-110001 Dated:-29th October, 2018

To,

Principal Secretary (Forests), All States/ UTs.

Sub: Guidelines for diversion of forests land for non-forestry purpose under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for establishment/construction of Zoo-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that this Ministry are receiving proposals for seeking prior approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for establishment/ construction of Zoo without furnishing approved plan by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA). The issue was discussed in the meeting of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) held on 20.09.2018

After careful examination the above proposal, it has been decided by the Ministry henceforth no proposal for construction of Zoo shall be entertained under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 unless an approved plan by CZA along with other mandatory documents is furnished to this Ministry.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

- 1. Prime Minister's Office
- 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments
- 3. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments
- 4. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), GoI.
- 5. Member Secretary, Centre Zoo Authority, New Delhi
- 6. Inspector General of Forest, (Wildlife), MoEF&CC, New Delhi
- 7. Joint Secretary in-charge, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF&CC, GoI
- 8. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in the Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, GoI/Director, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, GoI/TO(FC)/TO(RoHQ).
- 9. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF&CC with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
- 10. Sr. PPS to the Secretary, MoEF&CC
- 11. Sr. PPS to the Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI
- 12. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, GoI
- 13. Sr. PPS to the Addl. Director General of Forests (WL), MoEF&CC, GoI
- 14. PS to the Inspector General of Forest (Forest Conservation) MoEF&CC, GoI
- 15. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MOEF&CC
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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)