

# Model Letter for Forest Clearance Projects (Stage - II)

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS  
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LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003**

No. ....

Dated .....

Sub: Diversion of forest land for grant/renewal of salt leases in Gujarat.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. FCA/1091/414/V3 Part-II dated 19.12.91 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the Central Government hereby conveys its approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, for diversion of forest land for grant/renewal of salt leases in respect of the 15 leases submitted vide above referred letter, in Gujarat, subject to following conditions :-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 640 ha of non-forest land transferred to Forest Department will be mutated in the name of State Forest Department and will be declared as Protected Forests/Reserved Forests under Indian Forest Act, 1927.
3. Compensatory afforestation over 640 ha. of non-forest land and penal compensatory afforestation over 12240 ha. of degraded forest land will be carried out in a phased manner over 5 years. The fund for compensatory afforestation will be realized in 5 equal instalments over 5 years. It has been accorded as one time exception in these cases only. The annual progress report of realisation of compensatory afforestation fund and plantation in the degraded forest land will be submitted periodically to this Office as well to the Regional Office, Bhopal failing of which the sanction may be withdrawn.
4. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
5. Any other condition that the State Government may impose from time to time.

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

To

The Secretary (Forests),  
Govt. of Gujarat,  
GANDHINAGAR,  
GUJARAT.

Copy to:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
2. Nodal Officer, Office of PCCF, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
- 3 The CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal.
4. RO(HQ), New Delhi.
5. Guard File.