File No.16-13/2011-FC Ministry of Environment & Forests Government of India (F.C. Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110510 Dated the 29th October, 2013

To,

- 1. Additional Chief Secretary(Forests)/Principal Secretary(Forests)
 All States/UTs(Except Jammu & Kashmir)
- 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests All States/UTs(Except Jammu & Kashmir)
- 3. Nodal Officers(Forest Conservation), All States/UTs(Except Jammu & Kashmir)

Sub: Updating of Diversion proposals under FC Act on the website of the Ministry.

Ref:

- 1. MOEF letter No.16-13/2011-FC(I) dt. 26.7.2012, 12.11.2012, 20.11.2012, No.16-13/2012-FC dated 8.2.2013.
- 2. CIC decision No.CIC/SG/C/2011/001409/17503 Dt.29.2.2012

Sir,

Kind attention is invited to the decision taken by the Central Information Commission (CIC) referred above regarding uploading of project details /Part-II, Part-III, Part-IV and Part-V of Form-A/B prescribed under Rule-6 of the Forest (Conservation)Rules 2003. This Ministry had conveyed the decision of the CIC to all the States/UTs in letter No.16-13/2011-FC(I) dated 26.7.2012 followed by letters dated 12.11.2012, 20.11.2012, No.16-13/2012-FC Dt. 8.02.2013, wherein it was impressed upon the States/UTs to upload the Form A/B and enclose the acknowledgement letter generated on the website with the hard copy of the proposal being submitted to this Ministry.

This was also reiterated in the Video Conferences the DGF&SS had with PCCFs/Nodal Officers. The last such Video Conference was held on 1st October 2013, when the issue was discussed in detail and it was pointed out that the Ministry may opt for non-acceptance of those proposals which are not uploaded on the website. The Minutes of this Video Conference have also been circulated to Principal Chief Conservators of Forests of all States/UTs. However despite the letters and the discussion in the video conference, it is seen that many of the States/Union Territories have not started uploading the Form A/B, which is mandatory as per the CIC guidelines.

It is once again requested that all the States/Union Territories should start uploading Form A/B on the MOEF website. It has been further decided that the Ministry, with effect

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from 1-12-2013 will not accept any proposal which is not uploaded on the Ministry's website and the hard copy is not accompanied with the acknowledgement slip generated by the website.

(M.S. Negi) Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

- 1. Additional PCCF, all Regional Offices of the Ministry
- 2. All Sr. AIG, FC Division/Technical Officer, FC Division.
- 3. Director(ROHQ) MoEF with a request to ensure compliance of the above order.
- 4. Technical Director, NIC with a request to ensure smooth functioning of the system
- 5. Sr.PPS to DGF & SS, Sr. PPS to ADG(FC), PPS to IGF(FC)
- 6. Section Officer, FC Division.
- 7. Monitoring Cell, MoEF with a request to upload the above order on the website of the Ministry.

Inspector General of Forests (FC)