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Dear

Government of India is promoting Bamboo plantations through various schemes with the involvement of public, especially in rural areas. In this context, the Ministry has received suggestions from various quarters for considering exemption of Bamboo grown on private lands from the requirement of felling and transit permissions in order to encourage farmers and other interested land owners for taking up Bamboo plantations in a big way. To ensure the success of these efforts, it is important to provide enabling environment which inter-alia includes a simplified regulatory regime so that the interest of the growers is sustained. It is learnt that some of the States have already exempted Bamboo grown on private land from regulatory regime and the results have been encouraging.

Many states have raised the issue that since Bamboo is defined as a tree, it attracts the provisions of the felling & transit regulations of respective States and hence Bamboo needs to be excluded from definition of tree. In this regard, I would like to invite attention to the Section 41 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (IFA, 1927) that deals with powers to make rules to regulate transit of forest produce by States.

Many States are already using the power vested under Section 41 of the Act and have exempted a number of tree species from transit regulation. Therefore, under the extant rules the states have adequate power to exempt any species from transit regime.

In view of the above, I would like to reiterate once again the views of Ministry communicated earlier vide Advisory dated 14.05.2013 to all the States/UTs to exempt all bamboo growing on non-forest area from transit regime using the powers granted to the States under Section 41 of IFA, 1927.

I request you to kindly revisit the existing provisions of transit/felling regime in your State/UT and consider making appropriate amendments to the extent that Bamboos growing on private lands are exempted from the requirement of obtaining felling and transit permission.

With regards,

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,


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