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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110 003
Dated: 7th February, 2014

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State/ Union Territory Governments

Sub: Diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Guidelines for Change of User Agency.

Sir,

I am directed to say that para 2.8 of guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 issued by this Ministry contains provisions for transfer of lease of forest land from one user agency to another. The said para however does not contain provision for change of the name of user agency without any change in its shareholding pattern.

After careful examination of the matter in this Ministry, I am directed to say that to deal with cases involving change in the name of user agency without any change in its shareholding pattern, the following is added in para 2.8 of guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 issued by this Ministry:

"When change in the name of user agency without any change in its shareholding pattern becomes necessary, permission of the Central Government would be required. For this purpose, the State Government, within three months from the date of issue of fresh certificate of incorporation consequent upon change of name, is required to submit no-objection certificate for such change along with a certified copy of fresh certificate of incorporation consequent upon change of name issued by the Registrar of Companies and an explanatory statement from the user agency for such change"

Yours faithfully,


(H.C. Chaudhary)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy To:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all State/UT Governments.
2. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, all State/UT Governments.
3. All Regional Offices, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
4. All Assistant Inspector General of Forests/ Directors in Forest Conservation Division, MoEF.
5. Director R.O. (HQ), Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi.
6. Sr. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF with a request to place a copy of the letter on website of this Ministry.
7. Guard File.


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