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

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Dated: 26th August, 2019

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States/UT Governments

Sub: Proposal seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 ; Charging of lease rent of Rs. 30,000/- per MW in respect of Wind Power Projects – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the guidelines given in part-C of the Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 wherein provision of levying Rs. 30,000/- per MW as lease rent for thirty years, has been stipulated in respect of Wind Power projects.

In this connection, it is to inform that matter regarding levying of lease rent in wind power projects was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 22nd May, 2019 and the FAC, after detailed deliberations, observed that wind power is a clean and green source of energy and country is committed to take positive steps in achieving the target assured by it through international commitments. In this backdrop it was recommended that MoEF&CC may not charge the lease rent of Rs. 30,000/- per MW.

In view of the above, I am directed to convey the decision of the Ministry that lease rent of Rs. 30,000/- per MW for 30 years, in respect of Wind Power Projects, may not be levied by the State/UT Governments with effect from the date of issue of this letter.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(**Sandeep Sharma**) 26.08.19
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), All States/UT Governments.
2. The Addl. Director General (Central), All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), All States/UT Governments
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
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