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

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Dated: 26 August, 2019

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State/UT Governments

Sub: Inclusion of guidelines related to Tripartite Agreement for reafforestation and rehabilitations of degraded forest land – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter dated 28th March, 2019 wherein all State/UT Governments were informed about the revised Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that during the intervening period certain suggestions for rectification of anomalies in the Handbook are being received from the Regional Office(s), State/UT Governments and various Ministries of the Central Government.

A recent request, for inclusion of guidelines related to Tripartite Agreement for raising plantations in degraded forest areas, received from the Government of Maharashtra was, vide their letter No. FLD-2018/C.R.334/F-10 dated 6th May, 2019, was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 322nd June, 2019, wherein the FAC, after thorough deliberation, observed that previous Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, had a reference on "*guidelines for participation of private sector through involvement of NGOs& Forest department in afforestation and rehabilitation of degraded*" forests at annexure VIII and the said provision has not been incorporated in the latest guidelines and requested to incorporate the same. The FAC, after deliberations, recommended the following:

'Annexure VIII (Guidelines for participation of private sector through involvement of NGOs& Forest department in afforestation and/rehabilitation of degraded forest) of previous handbook will be retained into the latest handbook of comprehensive guidelines'.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

26.08.19
(Sandeep Sharma)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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