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

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To

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

Sub: Amendments of Para 4.4.3 of Chapter-4 of the Guidelines given under the Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – 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 clarification on para 4.4.3 and 4.4.1 of Chapter-4 of the Handbook, sought by the Ministry of Home Affairs vide their OM No. 18015/09/2017-LWE-IV dated 16th July, 2019, was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31st August, 2019 wherein the FAC, after thorough deliberation, recommended that para 4.3.3 of the guidelines which read as under:

4.4.3 CA is applicable for all such proposals involving area upto 40 ha except for proposals upto 5 ha with less than 50 tree per ha. (For areas upto 5ha with less than 50 trees the provisions of planting as detailed in Section 3 of Chapter 2 shall be applicable).

Shall be read as

CA is applicable for all proposals except for proposals of less than or equal to 5ha having less than 50 tree per ha (average for the whole patch).

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Sharma)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All State/UIT Governments

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