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

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To  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All States/Union Territories


**Sub: Temporary use of Forest land and application of FC Act, 1980**

Sir,

I am directed to say that this Ministry has been receiving communications, regarding applicability of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on temporary activities taken up inside forests without any damage or tree felling therein.

I am further directed to say that the matter has been examined in detail in the Ministry and it has been decided that, temporary work in forest land which does not involve part of any Protected Area, breaking up or clearing of forest land or portion thereof, assigning by way of lease or otherwise to a firm, person or organization using such forest land temporarily, and does not create any right over such forest land of such firm, person or organization, will not require prior approval of Central Government under the FC Act, 1980. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrators may authorize Officer not below the rank of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) having jurisdiction over the forest land proposed to be utilized temporarily, to accord permission for such temporary activities.

Yours faithfully

  
(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Prime Minister's Office North Block, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all States/UTs Governments.
4. Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 all States/UTs Governments.
5. All Regional Offices, MoEFCC, Government of India
6. All IGFs/DIGFs/AIGFs in the MoEFCC, GoI.
7. Joint Secretary, Impact Assessment Division, MoEF&CC, GoI.
8. Deputy Secretary (ROHQ), MoEF&CC
9. PS to Minister (MoEF&CC)/PS to MoS (MoEF&CC)
10. PPS to DGF&SS/PPS to All ADGFs, MoEF&CC, GoI