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Sub: Additional points in the Checklist of general instructions regarding processing of the forest land diversion cases under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (Extract from Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications).

Ref: I. PCCF/FCA/3124/1861-1909 dated 02-07-2020
II. PCCF/FCA/2036-93 dated 16-07-2020.

In continuation to this office above communications on the subject, the following additional instructions are hereby issued for processing of the FCA cases:

1. All proposals should be accompanied by a Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the user agency. In respect of linear projects, a map shall be furnished by the user agency indicating alignment of the entire project, highlighting the portions passing through forest land, along-with a writ up on salient features of the entire project and details of approvals already obtained/and or sought under the Act for other sections of the project.
2. Certificate regarding minimum use of forest land as per the format at Annexure-I. It must be ensured that all alternative alignments/locations are explored before proposing diversion of forest lands for non-forestry purpose.
3. All proposals involving forest land more than 5 Ha (except for defence and building construction related cases) shall include a cost-benefit analysis report (**see P-101 and 102** of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines and Clarifications).


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PCCF/FCA/F.No. 3124/ 2725-75 Dated 23-10-2020

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5. Pvt. Secretary to PCCF (HoFF) J&K for kind information of Pr.CCF (HoFF) J&K.

Annexure-I

Certificate for minimum use of forest land

This is certify that the all alternative alignments/locations have been explored and the forest area involved in the proposal is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area i.e. _____ Ha has been proposed diversion.

Place: _____
Date: _____

Signature of the UA
Office Seal

Countersigned
Divisional Forest Officer
_____ Forest Division
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