

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Rc.No.PCCF-FC5/FC44/1/2022
FCA Section
Dated: 21-01-2026

O/o the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad,
Telangana, Hyderabad.

Dr.C.Suvarna, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
(Head of Forest Force)

Sub:- TGFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - Guidelines issued by the **Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi** on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 - **Communication of Guidelines** - Regarding.

- Ref:-**
1. Scientist-E, Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi F.NO. FC-11/147/2024-FC, dated 13.11.2025.
 2. Scientist-E, Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi F.NO. FC-11/219/2025-FC, dated 01.12.2025.
 3. Scientist-E, Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi F.NO. FC-11/118/2021-FC, dated 05.01.2026.
 4. Scientist-E, Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi F.NO. FC-11/47/2023-FC, dated 06.01.2026.

Copies of the references 1st to 4th cited is enclosed herewith.

Attention of all the Circle Heads and District Forests Officers is invited to the subject and references cited above. It is to inform that, the Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi vide references 1st to 4th cited has issued following clarifications/Guidelines:

1. ***Involvement of local Forest Department in the joint field verification at the time of land acquisition to ascertain the involvement of forest lands in the projects.***
2. ***Clarification/Guidelines regarding charging of cost of trees in Transmission line cases.***
3. ***Right-of-way (RoW) requirements for construction of 800 KV Transmission lines in the forest areas.***
4. ***Exemption from the requirement of raising Compensatory Afforestation over non-forest land as mandated under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.***

All the Circle Heads and District Forest Officers of Telangana State are requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly and also to communicate the said Clarifications/Guidelines to all the concerned User Agencies in their jurisdiction, to follow the guidelines issued by the Government of India, scrupulously.

Encl: As above.

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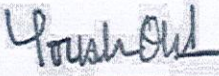
Date: 21-01-2026
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force

To,
All the Circle Heads and District Forests Officers of Telangana State.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests(MIS), O/o PCCF(HoFF) TG, Hyderabad. It is requested to upload the Clarifications/Guidelines online under the heading "**FCA guidelines**".

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Administrative Officer

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi: 110003
Dated: November, 2025

To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries of Forests/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States Governments and Union territory Administrations

Sub: Involvement of local Forest Department in the joint field verification at the time of land acquisition to ascertain the involvement of forest lands in the projects – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject and to state that several infrastructure and development projects, including those pertaining to Railways and National Highways, are facing delays on account of inadequate information provided by the State Governments regarding the status of land at the time of its identification or acquisition. It has often been observed that land jointly identified by officials of the Revenue Department of the State Government and the project proponent are subsequently found to be forest land.

To address such issues and ensure clear identification of forest land during land acquisition, the Central Government hereby issues the following guidelines:

- i. A copy of the notification, issued by the agency, department or organization responsible for land acquisition for any infrastructure or development project, shall also be shared with the local Forest Department having jurisdiction in the said area.
- ii. Joint field verification during land acquisition shall include local Forest Department officials along with revenue officials, wherever felt necessary by the land acquiring Agency, to ascertain the presence of forest land, if any, and prevent subsequent delays due to its identification at a later stage.
- iii. In case any type of forest land is identified in joint measurements or joint field surveys, process for its diversion through PARIVESH portal shall be initiated simultaneously by the Project Proponent following due procedure laid down in this regard.

In view of the above, State Governments and UT Administrations are requested to ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid guidelines.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Railways/RT&H/Power/Coal/Mines

2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, All States Governments and Union territory Administrations
3. Dy Director General of Forests (Central), all Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
4. Nodal Officers, dealing with the matters related to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, all States Governments and Union territory Administrations
5. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF&CC with a request to upload the Guidelines on PARIVESH.

File No. 11/219/2025-FC
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To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla

Sub: Clarification/guidelines regarding charging of cost of trees in transmission line cases -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter no. No. HPFD-F05/297/2024-FCA dated 24.09.2025 on the above subject seeking clarification on charging of cost of trees in transmission line cases and to say that after examination of the matter in the ministry, the following is clarified:

In light of provisions of guidelines given at Annexure-IV regarding 'General and Standard conditions to be stipulated while granting approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, it is evident that the cost of trees to be felled shall only be charged from the user agency. Trees that remain intact and are not required to be felled shall not attract any charges. Further, there is no rationale in charging the felling cost for trees that are neither being felled nor proposed to be felled in the future. However, if at any later stage the felling of such trees becomes necessary, the State may levy the applicable felling cost at that time.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. PCCF & HoFF, State Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. Nodal Officers (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o PCCF & HoFF, State Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. Dy Director (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh
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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated: January, 2026

To

The Principal Secretary (Water Resources)
Department of Water Resources,
Government of Punjab
Chandigarh

Sub: Exemption from the requirement of raising compensatory afforestation over non-forest land as mandated under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Department of Water Resources, Government of Punjab's letter No. 2817/XENHQ/PSWR dated 26.11.2025 on the above subject and to inform that matter has been examined by the Ministry in light of provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and Guidelines issued thereunder. The details are given as under :

- i. As per the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and the Rules framed thereunder, the State Government is required to provide suitable non forest land for the purpose of compensatory afforestation.
- ii. Further, it is pertinent to mention that, in the event of non-availability of non-forest land, Rule 13(3) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 provides that revenue forest land, i.e. land recorded as forest in Government records and lands falling under Sections 4 and 5 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900, which are not under the management and administrative control of the State Forest Department, may also be considered for compensatory afforestation provided such lands are transferred/mutated as forest land or notified under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 prior to grant of final approval.
- iii. Additionally, Rule 14(3) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 provides that, in case suitable land for compensatory afforestation is not available within the State where diversion of forest land is proposed, such afforestation may be undertaken in other States.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Punjab, Chandigarh
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, State Government of Government of Punjab, Chandigarh
3. Dy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC at Chandigarh

4. The Addl. PCCF& Nodal Officer (dealing with the matters related to Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhinyam, 1980), O/o the PCCF, State Government of Punjab, Chandigarh

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To

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All States Governments and Union territory Administrations

Sub: Right-of-Way (RoW) requirements for construction of 800 kV transmission lines in the forest areas - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to inform that matter related to right of way of various configuration of transmission lines was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 02.12.2025. Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may kindly be accessed at <https://parivesh.nic.in/>.

Based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and its approval by the competent authority of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi, the Central Government hereby clarifies that the Right-of-Way (RoW) of 69 meters corresponding to 800 kV transmission lines, as provided in the Guidelines issued by the Ministry on 05.05.2014 and inadvertently omitted in the Consolidated Guidelines issued on 28.03.2019 and 29.12.2023, shall be considered for the purpose of assessing the requirement of forest land diversion for the construction of such transmission lines in forest areas.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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