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(2) They shålt come into force on the date Of their-publication in the Official Gazette. 2: •In. the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 (hereinafter kefeÉred to as the' said rules), in rule 2, (i) After, Clause the föllowing clause-shall be inserted, namely:- ' of Forests" means an officer appointed by the State Government.ör the Union Territory •Administration, as . may be, under *the designation of Conservator of Forests or the Chief Cönservator of Förests Q!' the Regional Chief C.onservator of Forests or any. such similar designation, to . hold a. Forest Gircle having jurisdiction over the forest land for which the approval of the Cenüa! Government urider.ihe Aet is required;' •r (ii) after clause (c), the following Clause shall be inserted, narn&ly:- ' '(c#) "Divisional+Foresg Officer" means an officer appomted by the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case mäYbé, under the designation of the Divisional.Forest- Officer or the, Deputy. Conservator of Forests or any such similar designafion, to hold charge of a Forest Division having • the 'forest land for.which the approval of ghe Central Government under the Act is *quired;" 3. , In the said•rules, 6 and 7, the following rules Substituted* namely:- "6. &xtinission of proposal seeking apbroVal of the Central Government under section 2 of the Act.- (l) Every User Agency that wants to use any forest land for non-forest purposes, make its proposal in the relevant Form appended to these rules, namely; Form 'A' for proposal seeking first time appro\fal under the Act, Form B' for propo;al seeking renewal of leases, where approval of the Central Government under the Act had already been Form QC' for prospecting of minerals, to the a-ÄMOT Nodal Officer of the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may tE, along with requisite information and documents, complete in all respect. (2) The User Agency shall endorse a copy of the proposal, along with a copy of the receipt obtained from the office of the Nodal Officer to the concerned Divisional Forest Officers District Collector and Regional Office as well as the Monitoring Cell of the Forest Conservation Division of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. (3) (a) The Nodal Officer of the State Govemment or the Union territory Administration. as the case may be, after having received the under sub-rule (1) and on being satisfied that the proposal is complete in all respects and requires prior approval under section 2 of the Act, shall send the proposal to the concerned .Divisional Forest Officer and the District Collector within a period of ten days.Qf• the receipt of the proposal. If the Nodal Officer of the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the (b) case may be, finds that the proposal is

incompletes he shall retum.it..within. a period of ten days to the User Agency and this time period and the time taken by the User Agency to resubmit the proposal shall not be éöiititeafor any mare reference. (c) The Divisional Forest Officer shall examine the factual details -and feasibility of the proposal* certify the maps, carry out site-inspection and enumeration Of the trees and forward his findings in the Format Specified in this regard to the Conservator of Forests. (d) The Divi'ionp! Forest Officei shall- process and forward the application along with his findings on the proposal involving forest land-upto forty hecta?es, above forty hectares and up to one hundred hectares and above one hundred hectares to the Conservator of. Forests within period of thirty days, forty five days and sixty days respectively. (e) The District Collector shall 'complete the process for settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition ot Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) (hereinafter refe1Ted to as the FRA), obtain consent of the Gram Sabh*a or Gram Sabhas, wherever required, and forward...his, findings in. the Format specified in this. regard' to. the Conservator of Forests. (f) The District Collector shall forward the proposal along with•his.findings on•setdementrof rights under FRA and consent Of the Giam Sabha or Gram Sabhas, wherever required. in respect of the proposal involving forest lahd dp to forty heptares» above fony hectares and up tp:.one hundr.ed hectares and above. one hundteä hectares. to the C6nservator of Forests within a period of thirly days, forty five days•and sixty days respecti vély. (g) The Conservator of Forests shall examine the factual detailS and fpasibility of the proposal, carry put site-inspection in case the area of for.eét land. proposed to is more than• foity. end forward the proposal along with-his recornmendations and' the report on settfement pf rights •under trie FRA and consent of the cönéerned Gram Sabha or Gram Sabhas, Whereyer required, fråm the District Collector to the Nodal' Officer. (h) The time taken by the Conservator gf Förests to process and forward to the Nodal Officer the proposal involving forest länd up to forty hectares-and above forty hectares shall not be mog .tban ten days and thirty days respectively. (i) The Nodal Officer, through the Principal Chief Conservator-of Forest, shall forward the proposal to the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as thé case may be, along with¯ recommendations. (j) The Nodal Officer shall procees and forward the proposallalong with his fi4dings on the proæosdl invol•ting up to five above. five hectares and up to forty hectares, above forty hectares up to one hundred hectares and above one hundred hectares, to the State Government or the Union-territory Adrninistration, as the case may be, within a period of ten days, twenV days, twenty five days and thirty days respectively. 13 THE GAZE"ITE OF : EXTRAORDINARY (PART n—SEc. 36)) (k) Incase the State Government or Union territory Administration, as the case •may •be, decides hoi to, de-reserve or divert for non-forest purpose or assign on lease the forest land indicated in the proposal, as the case may be, the same shall be intimated to the User Agency within thirty days of the receipt of proposal from the Nodal Officer: Provided, all proposals involving diversion of forest land for projecte of the Central. Government or Central Government Undertakings where the State Government or the Union territory Adminis&ation, as the case may bet does not agree in—principle to de-reserve or divert for non-forest purpose assign on lease the forest land indicated in the proposal, as the case may be, shall be forwarde'd to the Central Government along with cornments of the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be. (l) The State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, forward along with its recommendåtions •all those proposals where State Government or the •Ulion territory Administration, as the case may be, agrees in-principle to de-reserve or dLVert for non-forest purpose or assign on lease the the, case may be, and all proposals involving diversion of forest land for projécts of the Central Government or Central Govemment Undertakings, to the Central Gbvernment within thirty days: Provided that the all 'proposals involving felling of trees on forest land or a portion thereof for the purpose of using it for reafforeståtiön shall be sent in the form of Working Plan or Working Scheme or Management Plao: Provided further that the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, suall •simüItaneousIY send the intimation to the User Agency about forwarding of the • proposal, along with its recommendations, to the Regional Office or the Ministry of Environment and Forests, as the Case may be: Provided also that total. time taken exclusively for transit of a proposal between various authorities in the State Government or the Union territory Adrninistration, as the case shall not be more than twenty days, over and above the time period specified for processing of proposal by each •authority (m) Whenever the dme taken by 'the. State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case maybe, for processing the.éroposål exeeeds• the time lirnits• stipulated in to (l) above. the proposal shall

be considered by the Cefitral Government only if an •explanation for is furnished to the satisfaction- of the Central Government; together withactian taken any individual held to be delay. (4) (a) The proposal •referreÅ to in clåuse (1) of sub-yule (3), inVolVing forest "Jand up to forty hectares shall bé forwarded by the concerned State Government or the Union territ6rY' Administration, as the case rnay bes along with its recommendations. to the concerned Regiöpal Qffiée, proposal referred to in c.lauSe (I) of sub-rulé involving fores! land pf more than forty hectares shay -by- the •congerned State Governmehttør the yniOn• teritory Administration, as thé.•case may be,. along with its recommendations; to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests; Government of India. (c). The proposals referred to .in clause (l) of or portion thereof for the purpö%e of using it for re-afforestation shall be sent td the conwrn$ Regional Office

7. Procesing,of proposals receivd by the Central —(I).fa) The Regional Office, having receivéd the proposal ref&rred in clause (a) and clause (c) of of nale 6 shall determine the completeness of proposal within five working days— (b) If the Regional Office finds that the proposal is incomplete, it shall returf it-within the period of five wprking days as specified under. clause (a), to the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, and this time period and the time tak.zn by the State Government to re-submit the proposal shall not be counted for any future reference. 11-eoz 3(i)) (2) (a) The Regional Office shall after examination of the proposal involving forest land up to five hebtares other than the proposal relating to mining and encroachments, which are complete in all respect* and after such further enquiry as it may consider neces*ry, grant in-principle approval subject to fulfillment of stipulated conditions. or reject the same within twenty five days of its receipt from the State Govemment or the Union territory Adminisu•ation, as the case may be, and communicate the same to the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case maybe, within next fi+e days. (b) The proposals involving forest land above five hectares and up to forty and all pmposals for regularisation of encroachments and mining up to forty hectares, which are complete -in all respects, shall be examined by the Regional Office in consultation with an. Advisory Groüp consisüng of representatives of the State Government •or the Union territory Administration, •as the. case may be; from Revenue Department; Forest Depirtment, Planning Department finance Department and the concerned Department whose proposai is being examined. (c) The Regional Office shall within a period of thirty five days of the receipt of the proposal from the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, shall forward such proposal along with views of the Advisory Group to the Secretary, Ministry' of Environment and Forests for obtaining the decision of the Central Government: Provided that time taken in transit of proposal from Regional Office to the Ministry of Environment and Forests shall not be more than five days. (d) 'Itie Central Government shall, after c0nsidering•the views of the Advisory Group and after further enquiry as it may consider necessary, grant approval subject to fulfillment of stipulated conditions; ot reject the same within thirty days Of its receipt from the Regional Office and communicate the same to the concerned State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, wifhin next five working days. (3) (a) All proposals involving clearing of trees in forest land or portion thereof for the purpose of using it for re-afforestation shall' be finally disposed of by the Regional Office within a period of sixty days of receipt of the proposals from the State Government or the Union ten-itory Administration, as the case may be. (b) While examining the proposal, the Regional Office shall ensure that the final decision is in conformity with the National Förest Policy. Working Plan guidelines and other relevant rules dud guidelines issued by; the Central Goverfiment from time to time. The Regional Office shall however seek prior clearance of the Ministry of. Environment and Forests wheriever the proposal involves cleaf-fe}ling -Of forest-land. having crown density above=förty per irrespectiye of the area involved, or clear$elling of: of size more than twenty hectares in the Plains aid ten hectares in the hilfy region, irrespective•of density. (aj The Ministry of Environment and Forests, after having received the proposal referred to iq clause (b) of 'sub7rule (4). of rule 6 shall deter:miffe the completeness of the proposal within ten days. (b) If the Ministry Of Environment and Forests finds that •the' propOsaI is incomplete, 'ig Shal! return. it within the period of ten days as specified under clause (a), to the State Government or the Union territory. Administration, as the case liiay be, and this time period and the time taken by the State Government to re. submit the prop&al shall not be countedfor any future reference. (c) In case the proposal involves forest land more than one hundred hectares, Ministry of Environment and Forest shall within ten days of the receipt of a proposal complete in ali respects, request the concerned Régional Offce tö 'ilispeét the forest land proéosed to be diverted and a report to the Ministry of Environment and-Forfs! Within a

period of forty five days: Provided that the total time taken in commumcation of the request site inspection from the Ministry of Environment and Forests to Regional Office and communication of the site inspection report from the Regional Office to the Ministry of EnvironmenQ and Forests shall not be more than ten days, over and above the time taken in undertaking site inspection by the Regional Office. (d) The Central Government shall refer every proposal, which is complete in all respects, received by it under clause (b) of sib-rule (4) of rule 6 including site inspection reports, wherever required, to the Committee 15 16 THE OF INDIA EXTRAORDINARY [PART 11--Sæ. 3Ki)J for its advice and the Committee shall give its advice Within thirty day' from the date Of receipt Of the said proposal. (e) : The Committee shall have due regard to all or any of the following matters while tendering its advice on the proposals referred to it under clause (d), namely:- (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (vi) whether the forests *land proposed to be used for non-forest purpose forms part of a nature reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve or forms part of the habiut of any• endangered or threatened species of flora •and fauna or OT an area lying severely eroded catchment; whether the use of any forest land is for agricultural purposes or for the rehabilitation of persons displace&from their residences by reason of any river valley or hydro-electric project; whether the State Government or the Union territory Administration, as the case may bet •has certified that it has consi&red all other alternatives and that no other alternatives in the circumstances are feasible and that the required uea the minimum needed for the purpose; Whether the State Government or the Union territory Administraüon, as the case undertakes to-pcovide at. its.costt.for the. acquisition of land of an equivalent area and afforestatiön thereof; whether the per unit requirement of forest land is significantly higher than the average for similar projects; and whether the •State Government or. the Union temtory Adrninistration; as the case may be, before making their recommendation has considered all issues having direct and indirect impact of the diversion.of forest land on forest, wildlife and environment. (f) While tendering advice, the Committee may also suggest any condition or restriction qn the use of any forestland for any non-forest purpoge, which in its opinion would minitnise adverse environmental impact; (g) The Central Government shall, after considering the advice of the Committee under- clause (e) and clause (f) and after such further enquiry as if may consider necessary, grant iniprinciple approval subject' to fulfillment Of stipulated conditions, reject tbe same Within thirty days of the receipt of advice from the Committee and communicate the same• to the concerned State Governnuent or the-Union territory Adminisb«ation, as the case may be, within next five working days. 8. .Submission Of report-on compliance toe conditidnS stipulated in' the in-principle approval abd grant of approval. (a) • The Nodal Officer shall withiil five days of regeipt of the inipri!iciple approyal,.endorse'a; copy of the same to Divisional Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests; (b) On receipt of a copyof the in-principle approval, the Divisional Fprest Officer shall prepare a dqmand rWte Göntaining item-wise amount of compenSatory levies such as cost of creatiön and maintenance of'. compensatory afforestation, Net Preseiit •Value (NPV), cost of jriplementation of•• catchment •area treatment plan or wildlife conservaüön plan etc. to be paid by. the User Agency and communicäte the same, along with a IiSt of documents; certifieates and undertakings•required to be submitted User- Agency in cpmpliance with the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval, to the User Agency within ten days of the receipt of a copy of the in-principle approvaL G) The•User-Agency •shall within thirty days of receipt of demand note and Ifst of documents, certifieates and undertakings from the Divisional Forest Officer make payment of compensatory levies and sybrrüt a cpmpliance report containing a•copy of documentary evidence in respect of payment* of compensatory. levies along with documents, certificates and undertakings indicated in the said list to Divisional Forest Officer. (d) The Dii'isional Forest Officer, after having received the compliance report shall deter-maw its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the User Agency (e) If the Divisional-Forest Qfficer finds {hat the compliance report is incomplete, he shall communicate the shortcoming or shortcomings in the compliance report to the IÄer Agency within a period of fifteen •days of its receipt from the User Agency and if the complian&e report is complete in all respect, it-shall be 17 forwarded to the Conservator of Forests within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the User Agency. (f) The Conservator of Forests, after having received the compliance report shall determine its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Divisional Forest Officer. (g) If the Conservator of Forests finds that the compliance report is incomplete, he shall comrnunicate the shortcorring or shortcomings in the• compliance report to the User Agency and the Divisional Forest Officer within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from 'the Divisional Forest Officer and• if the

compliance report is complete in all re»ects, it shall be forwarded to* the Nodal Officer within a period of fifteen days of its receipt. from-the, Divisional Forest Officer, (h) The' Nodal Officer, after having received the compliance report shall' determine its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Consewator of Forests—— If Officer finds- that' the compliance report is Ancomplete, he shall communicate the shortcoming or shortcomings in the complianqe report tÖ the User Agency, the Conserv'ator of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officer within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Conservator of Forests and if the compliance report is complete in all respects, it shall be forwarded to the State Government or Union territory Administration, as •the case may be, within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Conservator of Forests. (j) The State Government or •Union territory Administration, as the case may be, after having received the Cornpliance report.shall .detenqine its completeness within a period of fifteen days of its receipt from the Nodal Officer. (k) If •the State Government or Uniom territory Administration', as the case may be, finds that the compliance report is incomplete. it shall communicate the shortcoming or in the compliance report to the User Agency, the Nodal Office% the Conservator' of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officer within a period of, fifteen days of its receipt from the Nodal Officer and if the compliance •report is complete in all reypecgs,. shall be forwarded to the Ministry '0f Environment and Forests or the Regional Office, as the case' rnäy bet within a periodeof fifteen days of its receipt from the Nodal Officer. (l) The• Ministry of Environment ahd Forest' or the Regional Office, as the case may be, after having received: the Compliance' shill' déiéfmine its completeness within a period of fifteen days: '(m) If thé Ministry of Environment and Forests-or the Regional Office, as the •case may finds that the éomiLiance report 'is Complete in all respect,,• it shall accord 'the final approval" Under the 'Act and • • eömmunicacethe •same,tp. the StateGovernment•or the Union •territory Administrations • as -the case may be, - within a period of twehty days of the receipi. of a compliance report which i' compete in all respea: (nYTh•e' report 'on fulfiliment' 'of •the compliance - report Shall be processed and forwardéd .to authorities. concerned in the.State Government or the Union territdry administratidn, as the case may be; and •Central• Governnhént•in the snåiinéF and 'the time limits stipulated in clause (d) to clause (l).above, .(2) (a) In cases'• Where. compliapee• lhe in-principle. appröval. is awaited. for more' than five years from the State Government or the Union territory Administration* as the case may be', the in-principle approvals shall be summarily revoked, (b)lf.the I-rser State-Governmént or. as thecase may. be, is still interested in the project, after-its revocå601b they may subrrüt a fresh proposal which shall considered de-novo. 3 (a) In case, before submission9f a report* on compliance conditions stipulated in the irrprinciple approval accorded under •the *ctfor a mining pojegt by the State GoVemment tke•JJ.nion- territory Adminisfratien, as the qgse may be, and giant o! final approval by the Central Government within five years from the date of grant of in-prinäple approval, validity of the mining lease expires, instead of submission of a de-novo proposal to obtain approval of Central Government under the Act for diversion Of such forest land, for renewal of mining lease, the State Government or Union tenitory Administration, as the case may be, while submitting report on compliance to conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval may seek final approval of Central Government under the Act for diversion of such forest land 18 THE GAZETTE OF INDIA : EXTRAORDR<ARY [PART 11---SEC..3(i)) for original period of the mining lease for which in-principfe -approval* has already 'bCen also for renewal of mining lease for a period, as specified by the State Government and Union Territory as the case may be, not exceeding twenty years. (b) Report on compliance to statutes, circulars or directives, as applicable to such proposals, which came into force after grant of in-principle approval, if any, shall also be submitted toe the Centrål Government along with the report on compliance to conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval: (c) In sich cases, apart from grant of final approval under the Act for diversion of such forest land for period of mining lease, the Cenu-al Govemment* shall, after. considering advice Of the Forest Advisory Committee or the State AdVisory Group, as the case may be, and after further enquiry as it•may consider' neceSsäry,- grant final approval to the proposal of the State Government. of' Union Territory Adminisu•ation, as case may be, for }enewal of mining lease for a paeiod; as may be specified by the Central Government* not exceeding twenty years, with appropriate conditions or reject the same." 4. In the said rules, in the Appendix, after Form-Bt the following Form shall be inserted, namely:- "FORM-SC' Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by the State Governments and other authorities for prospecting of minerals in forest land PART -1 (to be filled up by User Agency) 1. Project detail: (ii) (iii) (iv). (vii) (viii) (ix) (x) . (xi) (xii) Name, address and contact details,of the User

Agency: Legal status of the User Agency: Name, designation and full address of the person making application: Documents in support of the competence Or authority of the person making this application to make application on behalf of the USer Agency enclosed: (Yes/No) • Mineral commodity to be explored: Short narrative of the activities proposed to be undertaken in both forest and non-foresdand: Details of approvals accorded by the concecne4 Ministry or Department in the State or. Central Government; as the case may be, for grant' of pros-peeting'üeense in favour -of the User Agency: Details Of forest and non-fore$t land inéluded in the prospecting léase: Total area of, forest land required for prospecting. (a) Area forest lånd likely to.e*perience permanent change in rand uie (b). Area-of forest land likeiy to experience temporary change in land use fotarperiod for Which the fo*eSt larid iS PropOSed to bé utilised for prospecting: Estimated cost of the project: Details of forestland divened eafl*er, if any, in favour of the user Agency in the State or Union territory-along with cuttent status of the use of such land: • .Oiiij DéraiJsJf_permission agcorded earlier, if..apy, in favour of the User Agency for prospecting of • nöerals in forest land along with gun-ent status df prospecting in each ease: 2, Details of enclo;ed ..(ij Surcey of India topo-sheet(s'w in•original in scale showing boundary of prospecting block; boundary of each patch of forest land located within the prospecting block; location of gaph sample plot or borehole site, roads or pathway (existing as well as new pathway tb be shown separately) to b? used for transportation of drilling equipments; boundary of the adjoining forests and protected areas located within ten (10) Kilometers distanE from boundary of forest land identified for prospecting etc.: (Yes/No), 19 Note 1: In case Survey of India Toposheet in 1: 50.000 scale is not available, especially in cake of the areas located near International Borders and other strategic locations, in place of Survey of India 'Toposheet other maps available in public domain may also be used. Note 2: Due to technical Reasons, while undertaking the prospecting activities, the user agency may vary location of boreholes, sample plots, roads or paths etc. up to 300 meters, provided area of forest land proposed to be utilised and number of trees proposed to be cut does not exceed the same given in the proposal. 3,' (i)' : Justificationfor .prospecting in forest land: (ii) Details of alternatives examined; (iii) Detail of non-invasive prospecting activities, if any, undertaken by the user agency in the fokest land indicated in the extant proposal: 4. Whether the forest land identified for prospecting is located in' scheduled areas (Yes/No); 5. Details of activities proposed to be undertaken in forest land; (i) (ii) Surface sampling (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) Grab sampling Chip sampling Groove. Sampling Channel sampling Bulk sampling Geochemicpl grid sampling with Sample dine spacing Pitting or•trenching (a) Number and dimension"of .pits or trenches: (bj Tdtal volume of excavation (cy Areå of forest land to be utilised fpr pits or trenches. (iii) • brilling (a) (6) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) Number and diameter boreholes or wens Spacing of borehöley or wells Area to be temporhrily distucbed at each bore hole pr. w.ell' Area; if •any,. to bé permanently at 'eäch böre• hole dr well Total meterage of boreholes or wells NÜmber of drill core sampres V Olume of drill core samples 6. (iv) Construction of roads or paths (a) Length and width of roads orpaths prop6sed to be constructed; (b) Area of forest land proposed to be utilised for rodde or paths; (v) Any other activity (pls specify) Aréa of forest land likely to experience temporary change in land use due to: (i) Surface samplini; 20 7. (ii) (üi) (iv) (v) THE GAZETTE OF INDIA : EXTRAORDINARY Pitting or trenching; Drilling; Consu-uction of roads or paths; Any other activity (pt. specify.); Total: Area of forest land likely to experience permanent change in land use due to: (i) (ii) (üi) (iv) (v) Surface sampling; Pitting or trenching; Drilling; Construction• of.roads/paths; Any other activity (pt. specify.); Total: Details of machinery or equipments to be deployed for prospecting Sl. Nor Name of equipment or machinery Mode of Gaction Size (L x B x Estimated deployment ...(machinø hours) [PART IPSEC. 3(i)] Maximum nöise•level (decibel) 9. Details of existing paths or roads proposed to be utilised for transport of the or machines in the forest Approximate number and approximate duraüon of stay in the forest land of the:persons proposed to be deployed for prospecting; Symmary.of the estimated •quantity of ore.and other samples proposed to be collected during prospegting (not applicable for hydro:carbon Nö Details of samples Qty. préposed to be collected (Metric Tonhe) 12. 13.2 Es!imated accuracy ahd confidence level for mineral reserve assessment; Estimated accuracy and confidence-level in case number of bore holes proposed .to be drilléd are reduced Confidence level (%) 10 (ii) (iii) (iv) 20 % 30 50 21 or for 14. In case the proposal for eitension of the period of the permission ganted for prospecting, drilling of additional bore holes, please provide following additional information: Details of approval accorded uhder the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the past: Number and date of the Area of forest land permitted Validity period of approval approval accorded for prospecting (ha) From To (ii) (iii)

(iv) (v) Report on status of compliance to the conditions stipulated in the approval accorded in the past enclosed (Yes/No) Details of violation(s), if any committed* Justification for extension of permission accorded for prospecting. Details of prospecting activities undertaken and sample collected, so far, 15. Details of documents enclosed; Date: Place • Signature, (Name in Block letter) Designation Address (of User Agency) State serial No. of proposal (TO be filled up by the Nodal Officer with date of receipt) PART n (To be filled by the. concerped Deputy Corservatdr of Forests). Divi*ion serial No. of proposal— •16. Location of the project or scheme: (i) State/Union TerritOry (ii> District (iii) • Forest Division (iV) • Akua of foresi iand proposed to be utilised for prospecting

17. Legal status of fo•rést land identified foi prospecting

18. Details.ofvegeta.tioo available in the forest land proposed for diversion:. (i) Foi•est type; (ii) AVerage crown density of vegetåtion; (iii) SpeciesrvAse..local.or..scienti.fic.names and girth-wise enumeration of trees required to be felled; . (iv) Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed to be utilised för prospecting

19. Brief note on topography and vulnera>ility of the forest* land proposed to be utilised for prospecting to erosion

20. Approximate distance of the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting 'from boundary •of the forest land.22 THE GAZETTE OF NDIA: EXTRAORDINARY (PART n--SEC, 30)) Significance of the forest land proposed to utilised for prospecting from wildlife point of view: (i) Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting; (ii) Whether forrns part of national park, wilcflife sanctuary, biosphere resewe, tiger reserve, elephant corridor; wildlife •migration corridor etc., (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be anneked); (iii) Whether ail)' national park, wildlife sanetuary, reserve. tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within ten kilometers from boundary of the forest land proposed to be -utilised for prospecting (If so, the details of the m•ea and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be (i.v) Whedier any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife 'migration corridor etc., is located within orie kilometer from boundary of the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting (If so, the details of the area and cornments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed); Whether species of flora and fauna found in the area if so details thereof

22. Whether any protected archaeological or heritage site or defense establishment or any other important monument is •located in the area (If sos details thereof with no-objectiön certificate (NOC) from competent authority to be annexed)

23. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed to be utilised for prospecting: (i) Yhether the requirement Of forestland as proposed by, the User Agency in para 6 and para-7 of the Part is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project* (ii) If no, reconunended area of forest land which may be used for prospecting- 24.Details-of violation committed: (i) Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out (ii) If yes, details of the yiolation including period of work. done, area of forest land involved in violation, name, address and designation of the person(s) responsiblefor violation and action taken against the persqn(s)• responsible for violation', (iii) Whether work •in violation is still in progress (Yes/No): 25. Detail'* of-compensatory åfforestation scheme: (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi) Legal status of the land identified, tuaise compensatory, afforéstataion;. Details suéh as location, sunrey or Compartment or Rhasra number, area and disgmce fronf adjoinihg forest of each plot -of non-forest area or degra4ed forest •land . identified för compensatory afförestation; Survey of India. Toposheet (s),. in original ili I scale showing non-forest or degraded forest land •identified for compensatory afforestation and Ädjoining forest boundaries -enclosed? (Yes/No); Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species •to be planted, implernenting • agency> time schedule, cost structure, etc, enclosed (Yes/No); Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme; Certificates from the concerned Deputy Conservator of F&ests regarding suitability area identified for cornpensatory afforestation and from management point . of view • enclosed? (Yes/No); 26m Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservatorof Forests highlighting imærtant facts pertaining the impact of proposed activities on flora and fauna enclosed (yes/No); 1 27. Specific recommendations of,,the. Deputy of Forest'.fpq Acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with«easons-Date: Place: Signature-------—---------- Official Seal 23 PART -111 (To be filled by the concemed

Conservator of Forests) 28. Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by the Consewator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes the date of inspection and observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed

29. Whether the Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests

30. Specific recom.mendation of Consere'ator of Forests foi.acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons, Date: Place: .... Signature-—----------—-- Official PART (To be filed in by -the Nodal, Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department) 31. Detailed opiniori and specific recommendation of for acceptance-or otherwise of the' proposal with remarks (While giving opinion, the adverse commems made by the Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically. reviewed critically commented upon). Date: Place: PART V Signature-----•—----------- Official (Td be filled in by the Secretary in charge ot Forest Department •orby any other authorised officer of the State ' GÖ€einmerit ' 1iOt*béIoW' .the rank of an Undef Secretary) 32. Reconunendation of the State •Government: (Adverse •comments made by any offiéer or. authority 'in Part-II orPart =LII• Part-JV above should be specially Cdmméiitéd •upon) Date: . •Place: , , ...r.».'. Official •MrS•. Conserv.ation) Note: The Principal rules were published in the Gazette of India vide number Gk.R. 23 (E) dated the 10th January, 2003 aad 94 (E) dated the 3rd February, 2W4 and vide G,S.R. 107 (E) dated the 9th FebÄ1aryt 2004: hinted by the Manager. Government of India Press, Ring Road, Mayapuri. New Delhi-I lmß4 and Published by the Controller of Publications, Delhi-110054 n