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

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New Delhi – 110003.
Dated: 28th September, 2018.

To

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

Sub: Guidelines regarding validity of approved Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for 2018-19 under State CAMPA Guidelines 2009 and utilization of unspent balance of fund as on 30th September 2018 with State/UT CAMPAs – regarding.

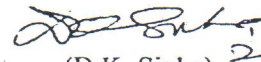
Sir,

The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 will come into force from the appointed date, the 30th September, 2018. In the Video Conference held on 14th September, 2018, various State/UT Governments have represented that it may take some time for new system to stabilize and the State/UT Government should be allowed to execute the current year's activities approved in the respective APOs till the end of the financial years, i.e., 31.03.2019.

In view of above, the matter was examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that the States/UTs will be allowed to execute the current year's activities approved in the respective APOs till the end of the financial year, i.e., 31st March, 2019. Any unspent amount as on 31st March, 2019 shall be transferred to the respective interest bearing Public Account of the respective States as per CAF Act, 2016 and Rules made therein.

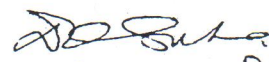
This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,


(D.K. Sinha) 28/9
Inspector General of Forests

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