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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Instruction on mandatory involvement of local Forest Department in the Joint Field Verification at the time of Land Acquisition to ascertain the involvement of forests lands in the Projects.

It has been observed that several Central Government infrastructure and development projects, including those pertaining to Railways and National Highways, are facing delays on account of inadequate information provided by State Governments regarding the status of land at the time of its identification or acquisition. It has also been observed that the land jointly identified by Officials of the Land Revenue & Settlement Department and the project proponent are subsequently found to be forest land.

Hence, in view of the above, the following Guidelines is issued to address such issues and ensure clear identification of forest land during land acquisition:

- i. A copy of the notification issued by the agency, department or organization responsible for land acquisition for any infrastructure or developmental project, shall also be shared with the EF&CC Department having jurisdiction in the said area.
- ii. Joint field verification during land Acquisition shall include EF&CC Department officials along with LR&S Dept. 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.

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