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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States/UTs

Subject: Relaxation of regulatory regime in respect of Bamboo grown on private lands reg.

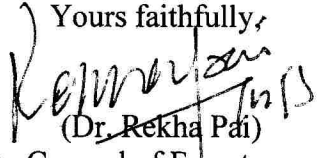
Sir/Madam,

Bamboo represents a very important group of plants which provide ecological, economic and livelihood security to a large number of forest dependent communities. Bamboo has multiple uses ranging from construction material, handicrafts and furniture making, raw material for paper and pulp industry and a source of food. Bamboo also has a very important role in addressing climate change concerns of adaptation and mitigation in addition to providing safety net and building resilience of forest dependent communities who are most vulnerable to impacts of climate change. In view of above, there is an urgent need to encourage planting of bamboos on areas outside forests including private lands.

The Govt. of India is promoting Bamboo plantation through various schemes with the involvement of public especially in rural areas. In this context, the Ministry has received suggestions from various quarters for considering exemption of Bamboo grown on private lands from the requirement of felling and transit permissions in order to encourage farmers and other interested land owners for taking up Bamboo plantations in a big way. To ensure the success of these efforts, it is important to provide enabling environment which inter-alia includes a simplified regulatory regime so that the interest of the growers is sustained. It is learnt that some of the States have already exempted Bamboo grown on private land from regulatory regime and it has yielded good results.

It is, therefore, requested to kindly revisit the existing provisions of transit/felling regime and consider making appropriate amendments to the extent that Bamboos growing on private land are exempted from the requirement of obtaining felling and transit permission.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority

Yours faithfully,

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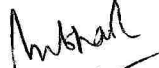
Sub: Response of the Ministry on the issues related to bamboo in the Note for the Committee of Secretaries.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the D.O. No. 25-1/2012-Hort. NBM dated 07th March, 2013, wherein, it has been requested that Indian Forest Act, 1927 (IFA) may be amended to remove bamboo from definition of "tree" so that transit restriction under the Act are not attracted. In this regard, the Ministry is of the view that removing bamboo from definition of tree is not necessary to address the concerns raised by Ministry of Agriculture. Transit regulations are governed by Section -41 of IFA, which delegates power to make rules for transit of forest produce. Therefore, even without amending the IFA, the existing Act can address the issue of transit permit. For the purpose of transit regulation, bamboo can be broadly considered under following two categories:

- i) Bamboo grown on private land
- ii) Bamboo grown on forest land

For bamboo grown on private land the felling and transit should be as simple as possible to sustain the interest of growers. The Ministry has issued an advisory to the States to consider amendment to the existing transit rules to the extent that any bamboo grown on private land can be felled and transported without any transit control. A copy of the advisory is enclosed for information. In this regard, it is also informed that the Ministry has recently constituted a Committee on the regulatory regime regarding felling and transit regulations for tree species grown on non forest/private lands and recommendations of the Committee are on similar lines. The report of the Committee is available on the website of the Ministry (www.moef.nic.in) for comments. However, a copy of the same is also enclosed.

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