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To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest)/Principal Secretary (Forest),  
All States Governments/ Union Territory Administration

**Sub: Revision of rates of Net Present Value – reg**

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 28.03.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1996 in the matter of T. N. Godavarman Thirumalpad vs. Union of India and Ministry' guidelines dated 05.02.2009 wherein rates to Net Present Value (NPV) to be realized in lieu of diversion of forest land have been fixed based on the outcome scientific assessment of ecosystem goods and services. Hon'ble Supreme Court in the said order has also directed the MoEF&CC for upward revision of the NPV rates.

2. In compliance of order dated 28.03.2008 of Hon'ble Court and with the approval of the competent authority, the following revised NPV rates have been prescribed for levying NPV in lieu of diversion of forest land:

**Table: Revised NPV rates based on fitment factor of 1.53**

*(in Rs.)*

| <b>Eco-Class</b> | <b>Very Dense</b> | <b>Dense</b> | <b>Open</b> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Class-1</b>   | 1595790           | 1436670      | 1116900     |
| <b>Class-II</b>  | 1595790           | 1436670      | 1116900     |
| <b>Class-III</b> | 1357110           | 1228590      | 957780      |
| <b>Class- IV</b> | 957780            | 861390       | 670140      |
| <b>Class-V</b>   | 1436670           | 1292850      | 1005210     |
| <b>Class-VI</b>  | 1516230           | 1372410      | 1069470     |

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| Eco-Class-I:   | Tropical Wet Evergreen Forests,<br>Tropical Semi-evergreen Forests and<br>Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests   |
| Eco-Class-II:  | Littoral and Swamp Forests   |
| Eco-Class-III: | Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests   |
| Eco-Class-IV:  | Tropical Torn Forests and<br>Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests  |
| Eco-Class-V:   | Sub-tropical Broad-Leaved Hill Forests,<br>Sub-Tropical Pine Forests and<br>Sub-Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests   |
| Eco-Class-VI:  | Montane Wet Temperature Forests,<br>Himalayan Moist Temperature Forests,<br>Himalayan Dry Temperature Forests,<br>Sub Alpine Forest,<br>Moist Alpine Scrub and<br>Dry Alpine Scrub |

**3.** NPV shall be charged to the extent of ten times of the normal NPV payable in the case of National Parks and five times in the case of Sanctuaries. The use of non-forest land falling within the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries may be permitted on payment of an amount equal to the NPV payable for the adjoining forest area. In respect of non-forest land falling within marine National Parks / Wildlife Sanctuaries, the amount shall be five times the NPV payable for the adjoining forest area;

**4.** The proposals under the following categories are exempted from NPV to the extent as mentioned in the list below:

| <b>Category</b>   | <b>Conditions</b>  |
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| i. Schools  | Full exemption upto 1 ha. of forest land, provided:<br>a. no felling of trees is involved;<br>b. alternate forest land is not available;<br>c. the project is of non-commercial nature and is part of the Plan/Non-Plan Scheme of Government; and<br>d. the area is outside National Park/ Sanctuary |
| ii. Hospitals   |  |
| iii. Children's playground of non-commercial nature.  |  |
| iv. Community centres in rural areas.   |  |
| v. Over-head tanks  |  |
| vi. Village tanks   |  |
| vii. Laying of underground drinking water, irrigation and PNG pipeline upto 4 inch diameter |  |
| viii. Electricity distribution line upto 22 KV in rural areas.                              |  |

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| ix. Relocation of villages form the National Parks/ Sanctuary to alternate forest land                | Full exemption   |                       |
| x. Collection of boulders/silts from the river belts in the forest area.                              | <p>Full exemption, provided:-</p> <p>(a) area is outside National Park/ Sanctuary;</p> <p>(b) no mining lease is approved/signed in respect of this area;</p> <p>(c) the works including the sale of boulders/silt are carried out departmentally or through Government undertaking or through the Economic Development Committee or Joint Forest Management Committee;</p> <p>(d) the activity is necessary for conservation and protection of forests; and</p> <p>(e) the sale proceeds are used for protection/conservation of forests.</p> |                       |
| xi. Laying of underground optical fiber cable   | <p>Full exemption, provided:</p> <p>(a) no felling of trees is involved; and</p> <p>(b) area falls outside National Park / Sanctuary.</p>  |                       |
| xii. Pre-1980 regularization of encroachments and conversion of forest villages into revenue villages | Full exemption provided these are strictly in accordance with MoEF&CC's Guidelines dated 18.9.1990.  |                       |
| xiii. Underground mining  | <b>Surface strain predicted by 3-D subsidence prediction model</b>   | <b>NPV to be paid</b> |
|   | i. Up to 5mm/m   | NIL                   |
|   | ii. 5mm to 10 mm/m   | 10% of normal rates   |
|   | iii. 10mm/m to 15 mm/m   | 25% of normal rates   |
|   | iv. 15 mm/m to 20 mm/m   | 50% of normal rates   |
|   | v. more than 20 mm/m   | At Normal rates       |

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| xiv.Wind Power Projects   | 50% at the minimum NPV rate, provided, minimal tree felling is involved, irrespective of the eco-class in which the project lies.  |
| xv.Hydroelectric Projects up to 25 MW capacity  | 50% of the applicable rates of the forest land actually diverted for setting up of such projects, provided, the project involves felling of not more than 5 trees per hectare.   |
| xvi.Field Firing Range (FFR) of Defence Ministry not involving felling of trees and no likelihood of destruction of forests | At the rate of 20 % of the normal rates of NPV for the forest areas falling within the impact zone. The forest areas falling within safety zone of FFRs shall be fully exempted from the requirement of payment of NPV |
| xvii.The area of riverbed in a proposed water reservoir, that is to be under permanent submergence throughout the year      | 50 per cent of the normal rate applicable to the area.   |

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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