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महानदी भवन, नया रायपुर



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लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी विभाग,  
छत्तीसगढ़ रायपुर।

विषय:- Regarding simplifying the procedure for tree felling in cities / urban areas.

संदर्भ:- उप वन महानिरीक्षक (वन नीति), भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन  
वन नीति खंड, मंत्रालय नई दिल्ली का पत्र क्र.8-48/2014-FP, दिनांक 18.12.2014

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विषयान्तर्गत संदर्भित पत्र (छायाप्रति संलग्न) का अवलोकन करे, जिसमें भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन वन नीति खंड, मंत्रालय नई दिल्ली द्वारा शहरों/शहरी क्षेत्रों में विकास परियोजनाओं/औद्योगिक/बिजनेस से संबंधित प्रस्तावों की अनुमति हेतु प्रक्रिया में सरलीकरण अपनाये जाने के संबंध में दिये गये निर्देशों का पालन किया जाना सुनिश्चित करे।

सहपत्र:- उपरोक्तानुसार।

  
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**Sub: Regarding simplifying the procedure for tree felling in cities/ urban areas.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to a recent World Bank Report on ease of doing business in India in which India ranks 142<sup>nd</sup> out of 189 countries covered under this study. One of the causes of delay as identified in the study relates to complexity in obtaining tree felling permission in cities for development projects/ industrial/ business proposals. In this context, a meeting was convened by the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary on 11.12.2014 with the officers of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), representatives of Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, Delhi Forest Department, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, and officers in the Ministry.

2. It has been observed that there are State specific laws and regulations governing the procedures for granting permission for tree felling in cities/ urban areas, which prescribe certain proforma for applications, timelines and documents to be attached with the application, inspections etc which involve multiple levels before a decision is taken. Therefore there is a need for simplifying the procedure to reduce the time required for decision making at various levels between filling of application and its final disposal.

3. One of the observations was that the proposals seeking tree felling permission come at the very last stage to the Tree Officer after the complete project is finalised. It would be better on the part of the Project Proponents to consult concerned officers of forest/ horticulture wings at the planning stage itself, which will not only help in reducing the number of trees required to be felled by appropriate consideration in the construction/ building plan, but will also in clearing the proposal faster.

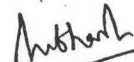
4. The provision of compensatory plantation in lieu of trees proposed to be felled could be the part of the Project. The Civic and Greening Agencies should identify the area in advance for compensatory plantations to hasten the process.

5. The tree authorities are advised to simplify the procedure by accepting the applications online including guiding the applicants in correctly filling up the forms, which will significantly reduce the time gap in granting tree felling permissions. Authorities are also advised to look at the existing procedure and to simplify, wherever possible, without diluting the provisions of the relevant Acts.



5. Grown up trees of certain species can be saved by appropriately transplanting to suitable areas. The procedure and technique for transplantation of grown up trees is available and in vogue in many countries. Tall planting may also be tried wherever feasible for quick recovery of tree loss. Instead of tree felling the Project Proponents should try to use modern technology of tree transplantation, in that case granting permissions will be much easier. Tree Transplantation is a technical issue, which needs capacity building of staff, engagement of experts and popularization among the stakeholders. State Governments are advised to encourage good practices in saving of trees.

Yours faithfully,



(Subhash Chandra)

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1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), All States/UTs.
2. The principal Secretary, Urban Development, All States/ UTs.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All States/UTs.
4. The Commissioner, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)
5. The Additional PCCF, Govt. of NCT of Delhi