

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

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To

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests), All States

**Sub: Inviting comments/suggestions on proposed amendments in Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – reg.**

Madam/Sir,

This is in continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2021, DGF&SS's DO dated 2.10.2021 and Secretary, MoEF&CC's DO dated 7.10.2021, wherein the Ministry has requested comments from various stakeholders on the consultation paper circulated on the proposed amendments in the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. In this regard it is informed that the Ministry is translating the same into different regional languages in order to reach out to general public and stakeholders to increase the scope of participation and consultation. The translated versions are being uploaded on the web site of this Ministry and on *parivesh* portal.

In this regard you may appreciate that due to limited resources Ministry is not in a position to examine and organise the comments which are to be received in various regional languages. Therefore, it is requested that concerned States may make small groups of officials/language experts who can accomplish this responsibility, prepare summary of the suggestions/ comments. These comments/ suggestions may also be translated into English or Hindi and shared with Ministry within due dates. After these, it will be responsibility of the Ministry to address to the comments as summarized and forwarded by your Government.

In view of the above, the States Governments are requested to take appropriate steps so as to enable participation of maximum number of people and organisations in pre-legislation consultation and do the needful as requested above. The summarized information on the comments in regional languages would be received by the States and by this Ministry directly (these will be shared with the State Government concerned) before the last date as decided, may kindly be sent to this

Ministry by 10th of November, 2021 for further action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. Director (Technical), NIC with a request to upload the paper in Ministry website