

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

Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,  
New Delhi: 110003  
Dated: March, 2024

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Interim order dated 19.02.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the W.P. (C) No. 1164/2023 in the matter of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma vs. Union of India and others and other connected matters – reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the interim order dated 19.02.2024 (copy enclosed) passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the above subject matter wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court has inter-alia directed that the MoEF&CC to issue a circular to all the States and the Union Territory Administrations to act strictly in accordance with the directions contained in the said interim order. A copy of the interim order dated 19.02.2024 is enclosed herewith.

In view of the above, the undersigned is directed to request all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to comply with all the directions contained in the interim order in letter and spirit. Further, as directed by the Hon'ble Court in the aforementioned order, a comprehensive record of lands which have been identified as forests by the Expert Committees constituted by the State Governments/Union Territories in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *T. N. Godavarman* case, shall be provided to the Ministry not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

Signed by Charan Jeet  
Singh

Date: 02-03-2024 11:22:17

(Charan Jeet Singh)  
Scientist D

Encl: As Above.

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests)  
All State Govt./Union territory Administrations

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HOFF), All States/UTs
2. Dy Director Generals of Forests (Central), All ROs/SROs of the MoEF&CC
3. Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, All State/UTs
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