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To

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), All States/ UTS
2. The Chief Wild Life Warden, All States/ UTS
3. The PCCF, All States/ UTS
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Railways
5. CMD, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

Sub: Revised guideline for seeking recommendations of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life for activities in protected areas- reg.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to the order dated 16.01.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in I.A. No. 160201 of 2022 filed on behalf of Ministry of Railways in W.P. No. (C) 202 of 1995. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 16.01.2023 has directed that

before undertaking such activities, apart from the requisite permission from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the project proponents shall also obtain a permission of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life.

Needless to state that while granting permissions, the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life would ensure that necessary mitigation measures in order to protect the wild life are ensured.

Accordingly, the para 1.6 of the Revised guideline for seeking recommendations of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life for activities in protected areas dated 21st July 2022 shall be read as follows:

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