Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)
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Date: April, 2025

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States Governments and Union territories Administrations,

Sub: Clarification sought by Andaman & Nocobar islands Administration with regard to 4.2 (iv) of Consolidated guidelines and Clarifications Issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samnvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Chief Conservator of Forest, Union territory Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Island's letter no. *Sri Vijaya Puram* dated 10.04.2025 on the above subject seeking clarification on applicability of guidelines given under para 4.2(iv) of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications to Union territories Administrations.

In this connection, it is to inform that matter has been examined and it is observed that the guidelines dated 22.08.2022, incorporated at para 4.2 of the Consolidated Guidelines, were addressed to all States/UTs. Similarly, all guidelines and clarification issued by the Ministry are invariably applicable to all States and Union territories Administrations, however, due to certain inadvertent omissions in the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications, issued by the Ministry on 29.12.2023, some of the guidelines have been endorsed to States only and not to the Union territories Administrations.

In view of the above, it is hereby clarified that endorsements to the State Governments, wherever referred to in the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued on 29.12.2023, are applicable to Union territory Administrations also.

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Yours Sincerely,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
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1. The PCCF & HOFF, State Forest Department, all State Governments and Union territory Administrations
2. The Dy DGF (Central), all Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC

3. Nodal Officer (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o of the PCCF , State Forest Department, all State Governments and Union territory Administrations
4. Guard File.