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

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Dated: December, 2025

To
The Addl. Chief Secretaries of Forests/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States Governments and Union territory Administrations

Sub: Conduct of Joint Surveys by Revenue, Forest and Mining Departments in respect of proposals pertaining to mining leases – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to state that, with regard to surveys of mining leases, it has been observed that separate surveys of forest areas proposed for diversion are currently being undertaken by multiple agencies; by the Mining Department during the pre-auction stage, by the bidder at the post-auction stage, and by the Forest Department while preparing proposals for diversion of forest land. This repetition of surveys leads to duplication of effort, unnecessary expenditure of resources, and delays in completing the statutory processes required prior to the execution of the lease.

2. To avoid duplication and consequent delays, it is hereby clarified that joint surveys may be conducted, either at the pre-auction stage or the post-auction stage by teams comprising representatives of the Revenue, Forest, and Mining Departments of the concerned State. The State Mining Department may coordinate with the other Departments to facilitate the timely conduct of such joint surveys.

3. In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government and UT Administrations to ensure compliance with aforesaid guidelines.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Mines /Coal /Steel/ Power
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, All States Governments and Union territory Administrations
3. Dy Director General of Forests (Central), all Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
4. Nodal Officers, dealing with the matters related to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, all States Governments and Union territory Administrations