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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and HoFF's
All States/UTs

Sub: Royalty on home grown bamboo and transit permit on finished bamboo products - regarding

Sir,

This is in continuation of earlier Advisories issued vide D.O. No. 8-14/2011-FP(Vol.3) pt. dated 18th & 19th May, 2017 by DGF&SS wherein the need to create enabling and encouraging environment for growth of bamboo was highlighted. This Ministry would like to draw your attention to the following points:

(i) Royalty on home grown bamboo:

As per the available information with the Ministry, it is understood that many States are charging nominal royalty from the growers. This is a disincentive for the grower. Further, the revenue on account of this royalty may not be huge. Therefore, in the larger interest of the growth of bamboo sector, the States may like to revisit this provision and consider exempting bamboo from any kind of royalty be paid by the grower.

(ii) Transit Permit on finished Bamboo products:

It has also come to the notice of the Ministry that many States are issuing the Transit Permit on the finished products. In many States when the bamboo is converted into agarbatti sticks, producer of agarbatti stick still requires to obtain transit permit. Agarbatti stick or any other finished bamboo product need not attract the provision of transit permit again but the States are still having this requirement of transit permit on bamboo forest produce, and hence States may like to do away with this requirement and the States in transit also may not insist on this permit.

Encl: as above.

Yours faithfully,


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Dear

Government of India is promoting Bamboo plantations through various schemes with the involvement of public, especially in rural areas. In this context, the Ministry has received suggestions from various quarters for considering exemption of Bamboo grown on private lands from the requirement of felling and transit permissions in order to encourage farmers and other interested land owners for taking up Bamboo plantations in a big way. To ensure the success of these efforts, it is important to provide enabling environment which inter-alia includes a simplified regulatory regime so that the interest of the growers is sustained. It is learnt that some of the States have already exempted Bamboo grown on private land from regulatory regime and the results have been encouraging.

Many states have raised the issue that since Bamboo is defined as a tree, it attracts the provisions of the felling & transit regulations of respective States and hence Bamboo needs to be excluded from definition of tree. In this regard, I would like to invite attention to the Section 41 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (IFA, 1927) that deals with powers to make rules to regulate transit of forest produce by States.

Many States are already using the power vested under Section 41 of the Act and have exempted a number of tree species from transit regulation. Therefore, under the extant rules the states have adequate power to exempt any species from transit regime.

In view of the above, I would like to reiterate once again the views of Ministry communicated earlier vide Advisory dated 14.05.2013 to all the States/UTs to exempt all bamboo growing on non-forest area from transit regime using the powers granted to the States under Section 41 of IFA, 1927.

I request you to kindly revisit the existing provisions of transit/felling regime in your State/UT and consider making appropriate amendments to the extent that Bamboos growing on private lands are exempted from the requirement of obtaining felling and transit permission.

With regards,

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,


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The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests), All States/UTs

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Dated 19th May, 2017

Dear

Bamboo has tremendous potential of contributing to growth of rural economy. However, bamboo cultivation and production has not been upto the desired level. One of the factors that may be inhibiting bamboo production is the insipid growth of bamboo based industries. Concerns have been raised in various quarters, regarding difficulties in getting license / NOC for units dependent on bamboo as a raw material.

With a view to encourage people to grow bamboo in their private holdings, I would request you to consider exempting units which are exclusively using bamboo as raw material from the purview of obtaining license / NOC from Forest Department.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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