

F.No. 8-19/2006-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment or Forests
(FC Division)

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Dated : 24.07.2009

To
The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Sub: Exclusion of 65,670.26 ha of cultivated and habitation area closed under Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 from the list of forest areas in Districts Ropar, Nawanshar, Hoshiarpur and Gurdaspur, Punjab.

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letters No. FW-2/PLPA-1900/1260 dated 08/07/2009 and FW-2/PLPA-1900/1458 dated 17/07/2009 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government for Exclusion of 65,670.26 ha of cultivated and habitation area closed under Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 from the list of forest areas in Districts Ropar, Nawanshar, Hoshiarpur and Gurdaspur, Punjab under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal, the central government hereby accords approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for delisting of 55,339.95 ha of cultivated and habitation area closed under Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 from the list of forest areas in Districts Ropar, Nawanshar, Hoshiarpur and Gurdaspur, Punjab subject to following conditions:-

1. The State Government shall ensure that no commercial activities are permitted on such de-listed land;
2. The de-listed land shall only be used for bonafide use of agriculture and for sustaining the livelihood of the people/owner of the land;
3. If inadvertently, any notified or otherwise forest areas are found to have been included in the present list of areas being considered for de-listing, such areas shall not be deemed to have been de-listed from the list of forest areas of the State.

Yours faithfully,



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Assistant Inspector General of Forests