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Sub: Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 2014 with the Uttar Pradesh forest Department regarding Wood Based Industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh

The Minutes of the meeting held by the CEC on the above subject is sent herewith for information and necessary follow up action.

(M.K. Jiwrajka)
Member Secretary

Distribution:

1. Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, Lucknow.
3. Sh. Siddhartha Chowdhury, Supreme Court Advocate and Amicus Curiae
4. Standing Counsel for the State of Uttar Pradesh
6. DIG (SU), MoEF
Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 2014 with the U.P. Forest Department regarding wood based industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh

During the meeting the U.P. Forest Department was represented by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and HOFF. The CEC was represented by Chairman, CEC, Member Secretary, CEC and Mr. Mahendra Vyas, Member and Mr. Siddhartha Choudhary, Learned Amicus Curiae was present during the meeting.

2. In the meeting convened by the CEC on 26.5.2009 regarding wood based industries in Uttar Pradesh it was inter alia decided that “the PCCF, U.P. may permit on merit relocation within the same District without change of ownership subject to the compliance of the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court and applicable Act, Rules and guidelines”. After detailed discussion it was decided that in partial modification of the above decision the State Level Committee for Wood Based Industries in Uttar Pradesh may permit, on merit, relocation of plywood / veneer units from one district to another without change of ownership subject to the compliance of the orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court and applicable Act, Rules and Guidelines and provided that

(a) the Principal Secretary (Forest) and Chairman, SLC and Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Member, SLC are both personally present in the meeting in which such a decision is taken;

(b) the Principal Secretary (Forest) as well as Principal Chief Conservator of Forest both agree to such a proposal; and
(c) wherever there is a difference of opinion between the Principal Secretary (Forest) and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest a decision will be taken by the CEC after considering the Report of the SLC in the matter.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(M.K. Jiwrajka)

Member Secretary

Dated: 12.11.2014