



# PARIVESH CPC Green

FC- FAQs

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## Q. What does "PSC 1" and "PSC 2" mean?

Ans. PSC 1 is the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the PSC. It examines the proposal for its completeness and correctness and ensures deficiency in the proposal if any. PSC 2 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of PSC. The user agency shall re-submit the proposal if returned and the same shall be re-examined by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the PSC, an incomplete proposal re-submitted shall stand deregistered.

**Q. What does "REC" mean?**

Ans. Regional Empowered Committee" means the Regional Empowered Committee constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 6

**Q. What does "Stage I approval" mean?**

Ans. Stage I approval means in-Principal Approval, which is accorded by the State/Regional Office/MoEFCC

**Q. What does "Stage II approval" mean?**

Ans. After submission of compliance with conditions stipulated in Stage I/In-Principal approval, Stage II/Final approval is issued.

**Q. What does "User Agency" mean?**

Ans. "user agency" means any person, organization, or legal entity or company or Department of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territory Administration requesting a de-reservation, diversion, or assignment of a lease of forest land under the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder.

**Q. What does "Compensatory Afforestation" mean?**

Ans. "Compensatory Afforestation" means afforestation done instead of the diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (69 of 1980).

**Q. What does "Compensatory Levies" mean?**

Ans. Compensatory Levies "include all money and funds specified in clauses (iii) and (iv) of sub-section

(3) of section 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (38 of 2016).

**Q. What does "De-reservation" mean?**

Ans. "De-reservation" means an order issued by the State Government or Union Territory Administration or any authority thereof, for a change in the legal status of a land statutorily or otherwise recognized as forest to any other category of land.

**Q. What does "CPC" mean?**

Ans. Central Processing Centre (CPC) will assist the consultants in using the portal and make them aware of the Ministry's guidelines and policy decisions.

**Q. What does "FAC" means?**

Ans. FAC is the "Forest Advisory Committee" which is constituted by the Central Government under section 3 of the Forest Conservation Act 1980.

**Q. What does "Protected Areas" mean?**

Ans. "Protected Areas" means areas as notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972) and its subsequent amendments, from time to time.

**Q. What do "Violation" projects mean?**

Ans. The project involves the violation of the Forest Conservation Act of 1980 and the rules made therein.

**Q. What does "Encroachment" mean?**

Ans. Illicit use of forest land without obtaining prior approval/permission from the Central Government.

or

The Forest land has been put to non-forestry use without obtaining the approval laid down under the provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

**Q. What does "Protected Areas" mean?**

Ans. Protected areas or conservation areas are locations that receive protection because of their recognized natural, ecological, or cultural values.

**Q. What does "De-reservation" mean?**

Ans. Any reserve forest (within the meaning of the expression reserve forest in any law for the time being enforced in that state) or any portion thereof, shall be seized to be reserved.

**Q. What does "Net Present Value" mean?**

Ans. A one-time payment that a user agent must pay for the non-forestry use of forest land.

**Q. What does "Diversion" mean?**

Ans. Diversion" means an order issued by the State Government or Union Territory Administration or any authority thereof for the use of any forest land for non-forest purposes or assignment of a lease of any forest land for non-forest purposes.

**Q. What does "Land Bank" mean?**

Ans. Land bank" means the lands identified or earmarked, as the case may be, by the State Government and Union Territory Administration for raising compensatory afforestation instead of forest land proposed for diversion or diverted under the Act.

**Q. What does "Linear projects" mean?**

Ans. Linear project" means a project involving linear diversion of forest land for purposes such as roads, pipelines, railways, transmission lines, etc.

**Q. What does "Survey" mean?**

Ans. "The survey" means any activity to be taken up before initiating the commissioning of a project or any activity undertaken to explore, locate, or prove mineral deposits, including coal, petroleum, and natural gas, before carrying out actual mining in the forest land. That includes survey, investigation, prospecting, exploration, including drilling, therefore, etc.

**Q. What does "Eco-sensitive areas" mean?**

Ans. "Eco-sensitive areas (referred to as "ESA")" are the areas as notified under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and subsequent amendments, from time to time.

**Q. What does "Project" mean?**

Ans. "Project" means a project or activity.

**Q. What does "Project Life" mean?**

Ans. "Project Life" means the life of the project, including phases of, (i) construction or installation or establishment or commissioning; (ii) operation; and (iii) redundancy or closure or dismantling.

**Q. Who are the approving authorities for FC Clearance?**

Ans. There are multiple bodies and approving authorities in FC clearance. I.e. State level (Competent State Officials), Central level (Officials at MoEFCC ), and Regional level (Competent Regional Officials).

**Q. Is there a need to submit hard copies along with online submissions?**

Ans: Online submission of applications would be sufficient. There is no need to submit hard copies of the proposal.

**Q. Can the applicant track the application?**

Ans. Yes, the applicant can track the status of his application online at various levels.

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Ans. "Eco-sensitive areas (referred to as "ESZ")" are the areas as notified under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and subsequent amendments, from time to time, around the Protected Areas.

**Q. What does "Expansion" mean?**

Ans. "Expansion" means any increase in mine lease area or project area Culturable Command Area or built-up area or length or number or generation capacity or production capacity or throughput or handling capacity, etc., as applicable to the project, entailing the capacity addition beyond the limits specified for the concerned project in the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006 or prior-EC obtained. In the case of mining projects or activity, any increase in the mine lease area and or production capacity shall be considered as expansion.

**Q. What are the FC Act's penal provisions?**

Ans. A proposal seeking ex-post facto approval from the Central Government is normally not to be entertained. Only under exceptional circumstances, with proper justification for condonation, does, Central Government impose a penalty from the User Agency/State