New Delhi, the 16th December, 2010

To
The Secretary,
In charge of Mining and Geology
(As per list enclosed)

Subject: Long-standing mineral concession cases pending due to non-receipt of forest clearances.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that a large number of mineral concession cases have been pending for a long time due to non-receipt of forest clearances. These cases include new applications for grant of concession in which prior approvals of the Central Government have been given, as well as renewal cases. Considering that this, at times, creates circumstances leading to illegal mining, the Ministry of Mines is undertaking measures to ensure that the pendency of such cases is minimized.

2. Accordingly, the status of long-standing mineral concession cases pending due to non-receipt of forest clearances will be reviewed in the 4th meeting of the Central Coordination-cum Empowered Committee (CEC) be held in New Delhi on 22.12.2010. It is requested that a list of such cases may please be brought in the CEC meeting to facilitate State-wise review.

Yours faithfully,
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