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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries of Forests/Principal Secretary (Forests),  
All States Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

**Sub: Amendment of the Right-of-Way (RoW) requirements as per Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Construction of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines) Amendment Regulations, 2025 in the guidelines issued under the Van (Samrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Central Electricity Authority has revised the Right-of Way (RoW) requirements for construction of transmission lines in forest areas as specified in Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Construction of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines) Amendment Regulations, 2025. As per the provisions of amended Technical Standards, the RoW in the forest areas has been reduced due to latest technological interventions. The advancements in technology have led to the adoption of improved tower and pole designs requiring smaller wing spans, reduced tower footing areas, and narrower RoW corridors. These technologies have the potential to reduce RoW requirements in forest areas by up to 20%, thereby significantly minimizing tree felling and the overall impact on forest ecosystems. The matter was discussed and considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 10.06.2026. The minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee may kindly be accessed at <https://parivesh.nic.in/>.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the said recommendations by the competent authority of MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby issues the following guidelines related to Right of Way for construction of transmission lines in the forest areas:

1. The new RoW requirement for construction of transmission lines in forest areas for the new configuration of towers and conductors shall be followed as prescribed in the Schedule VII of the Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Construction of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines) Amendment Regulations, 2025, notified on 09.10.2025 (copy enclosed).
2. In case of construction of transmission lines using existing/older configuration of towers and conductors, the exiting guidelines

prescribed for RoW for older configuration will continue.

3. The Ministry of Power shall issue appropriate advisories/guidelines to all States/UTs and power transmission agencies for encouraging the adoption improved tower configurations and advanced conductor technologies for new installation of transmission lines in forest areas, thereby reducing the requirement of forest areas as RoW. Thereafter, the existing Right of Way (RoW) prescribed for old configuration of towers and conductors in the forest areas under the Consolidated Guidelines shall be discontinued and replaced by the revised RoW standards.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd/-*  
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Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India.
2. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Ruram, New Delhi.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, All States Government and Union Territory Administrations.
4. Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), all Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC.
5. Nodal Officers, dealing with the matters related to the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, All States Government and Union Territory Administrations.
6. Director (Technical), NIC, MoEF&CC with a request to upload the Guidelines on PARIVESH.