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To

✓ **Finance Secretaries,**
Government of
(All State Governments)

Subject: Release of grant recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission for Forest during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Sir,

The recommendations of Thirteenth Finance Commission for the award period 2010-15 relating to Forest grant are in paras 12.24 to 12.31 and 12.45 to 12.49 of the report of FC-XIII (Vol. I) and Annex 12.3 of the report of FC-XIII (Vol. II). Ministry of Finance had issued guidelines in this regards on 07.09.2010.

2. The release and monitoring mechanism of grant in the last three years of the award periods (2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), are specified in para 12.47 of the report of FC-XIII (Vol.I) read with Annex 12.3 of the report of FC-XIII (Vol. II). Accordingly, forest sector grant has two components: (a) 75% of the grant linked to progress on approval of working plans; and (b) 25% of the grant linked to Non - Plan Revenue Expenditure (NPRE).

3. As regards assessing the eligibility of 25% of the grant, which is linked to NPRE, for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, it is requested that the States may kindly review the position of NPRE provided/ to be provided under Major Head: 2406 for these years as the entire grant allocated for particular year will be netted from BE/RE/ Actuals as outlined in Annex 12.3 of the report of FC-XIII(Vol.II).

Yours faithfully,

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