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### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Sub: Use of wood in construction of buildings/habitat development.**

The use of timber in CPWD works was banned in 1993. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has asked to remove the ban on use of wood in construction, since it will create demand for wood-based industries that would spur the local economy, particularly in rural areas, create large scale employment and encourage farmers and others to bring degraded areas under tree cover that, in turn, will augment production of a multitude of ecosystem services for the benefit of the country.

Wood is a versatile renewable construction material and the life cycle economic cost of timber is also often much lower. On the other hand, building materials such as steel, aluminum, PVC, glass, cement and polymers that are used in place of wood depend on non-renewable sources of raw materials with polluting and energy intensive methods of production, where as timber is naturally available.

It is appreciated now that capturing and storing atmospheric carbon in growing forests and in timber help mitigate climate change. As India has committed to an UNFCCC-NDC target of creating additional sink of 2.5-3 billion MT of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030, raising the demand for forest products including wood so as to create a favourable investment ecosystem for planting more trees is an imperative.

Therefore, it has been decided to remove the ban on use of timber in construction and to promote its use in construction of buildings/habitat development.

This issues with the approval of DG, CPWD.

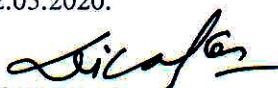
  
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(Through CPWD website)

1. All SDGs, ADGs, CEs, CPMs, SEs, PMs, EEs of CPWD and PWD Delhi.

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2. The Director General of Forest and Spl. Secretary, MoEFCC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi-110003 w.r.t. your D.O. No. 14-03/2020-SU dated 12.05.2020.

  
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