

The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

**Section 2 - Restriction on the dereservation of forests or use of forest land for non-forest purpose.—
Notwithstanding anything**

1980. (2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir. (3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 25th day of October, 1980. i) that any reserved forest (within the meaning of the expression reserved forest in any law for the time being in force in that State) or any portion thereof, shall cease to be reserved: (ii) that any forest land or any portion thereof may be used for any non-forest purpose. Explanation. For the purposes of this section non-forest purpose means the breaking up or clearing of any forest land or portion thereof for any purpose other than reafforestation.