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ORDER

Subject: Setting up of Steering Committee on Environment, Forests & Wildlife for the 12th Five Year Plan 2012-2017.

It has been decided to set up a Steering Committee on Environment, Forests & Wildlife and Animal Welfare for the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The composition of the Steering Committee will be as follows:-

1.	Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi	Chairman
2.	Shri Ranjan Chatterjee, Consultant (E&F), Planning Commission, New Delhi	Member
3.	Dr. T. Chatterjee, Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi	Member
4.	Shri B.K. Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi	Member
5.	Shri K. Chandramouli, Secretary (H & FW), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi	Member
6.	Smt. Anita Chaudhary, Secretary, Department of Land Resources, New Delhi	Member
7.	Shri Dhruv Vijai Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi	Member
8.	Shri Navin Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi	Member
9.	Shri Arvind Kumar Chugh, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi	Member
10.	Dr. M.K. Bhan, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi	Member
11.	Dr. Shailesh Nayak, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi	Member
12.	Shri R.P. Singh, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, New Delhi	Member
13.	Shri P.J. Dilip Kumar, Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi	Member
14.	Dr. G.S. Rawat, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun	Member
15.	Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR), Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Indian Council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi	Member
16.	Shri M.F. Farooqui, Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai	Member
17.	Prof. S.P. Gautam, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi	Member
18.	Dr. S.R. Wate, Director, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur	Member
19.	Prof. Asolekar, IIT, Mumbai	Member
20.	Ms. Sunita Narain, Director, Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi	Member
21.	Shri Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi	Member

22.	Shri P.B. Gangopadhyay, Additional Director General of Forests (Retd.), MoEF, New Delhi	Member
23.	Dr. R.B. Lal, Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	Member
24.	Shri P.R. Sinha, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member
25.	Shri R.K. Garg, Former Chairman, Industry Committee for Impact Assessment, Mumbai	Member
26.	Shri A.K. Verma, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karnataka	Member
27.	Dr. Asad Rehmani, Director, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai	Member
28.	Prof. C.R. Babu, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Delhi University, Delhi	Member
29.	Shri Paritosh Tyagi, NOIDA	Member
30.	Prof. T. Balasubramaniam, Centre of Advanced Studies in Marine Biology, Parangipettai	Member
31.	Shri Pradeep Khanna, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Gujarat	Member
32.	Shri R.N. Mehrotra, PCCF & Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan	Member
33.	Smt. Valsa R. Nair Singh, Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board	Member
34.	Dr. V. Irai Anbu, IAS, Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board	Member
35.	Shri A.K. Mishra, Chairman, U.P. Pollution Control Board	Member
36.	Shri R.P. Tangwan, PCCF, Tripura	Member
37.	Shri D.N.S. Suman, PCCF, Uttar Pradesh	Member
38.	Shri Avay Shukla, Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Himachal Pradesh	Member
39.	Dr. A.K. Mukherjee, Retd. DG & Spl. Secy of Forests, New Delhi	Member
40.	Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, Technical Expert (Forestry), NRAA, New Delhi	Member
41.	Shri R.L. Singh, Retired PCCF, Uttar Pradesh	Member
42.	Shri Reepak Dey, Addl. PCCF, JICA, Uttar Pradesh	Member
43.	Shri Dharmendra, IAS, Chairperson, Delhi Pollution Control Committee,	Member
44.	Dr. M.A. Atmanand, Director, National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai	Member
45.	Dr. Radhakrishnan, Director, National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad	Member
46.	Dr. Ranganath Ramarao Naval Gund, Director & Distinguished Scientist, Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad	Member
47.	Dr. B.N. Patil, Deputy Secretary & Scientist I, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority, Mumbai	Member
48.	Dr. J.S. Yadav, FNA, FASc, FTWAS, Director, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad	Member
49.	Dr. Sourav Pal, Director, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune	Member
50.	Prof. Arun Kumar, Chairperson, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, New Delhi	Member
51.	Dr. M.K. Ramesh, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore	Member
52.	Prof. D.S. Sengar, Director, The Indian Law Institute, New Delhi	Member
53.	Dr. U. Sankar, Honorary Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai	Member
54.	Dr. V.S. Hegde, Member-Secretary, PC-NNRMS / Director, Bangalore	Member
55.	Dr. Indrani Chandrasekharan, Adviser (E&F), Planning Commission	Member
56.	Dr. Biswajit Banerjee, Director (Forestry), Planning Commission	Convenor

2. The Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee will be as under:-

- (i) To make recommendations for the Environment, Forestry and Wildlife Sector for the Twelfth Five Year Plan based on a review of the existing programmes, policies and issues related to Legislation, Enforcement, Infrastructure and Institutional Mechanism;
- (ii) Identify thrust areas for the Environment, viz., Pollution Abatement & Ecology, Forestry and Wildlife sectors and Assess current and emerging issues for integration with other sectors and recommend remedial measures and mechanisms;
- (iii) Analyze the trade, development and environment interface from the point of view of protecting vital national interest including IPRs, use of biotechnology clean technologies etc.;
- (iv) To recommend strategy for a proactive national stance on national and international environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity and desertification;
- (v) Review and recommend ways of strengthening the present mechanism of implementation of international commitments;
- (vi) Recommended strategies for co-ordination of programmes between Centre and the States in view of national and regional circumstances in Environment, Forestry and Wildlife sectors;
- (vii) Suggest mechanisms for capacity building for Management and Planning for conservation and development of natural resources rooted in the principles of ecology, economics, social and gender equity, energy conservation, employment generation and social auditing; and
- (viii) Recommend Innovative ways for augmenting flow of resources into the sector.

3. Considering the broader socio-economic objectives of the 12th Plan and recognizing that the economic and social development and the protection of environment and forests are inter-dependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development, the Committee may especially focus, *inter alia*, on the following items:-

A. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES; POLLUTION ABATEMENT, ECOLOGY

- a. Strategies for sustainable development to achieve environmental integrity and alleviation of poverty.

- b. Initiatives for tackling the problem of air, water, land and noise pollution and safe disposal of solid waste, hazardous waste etc.
- c. Evolving environmental education to ensure people's participation in forestry and environmental awareness campaign.
- d. Strengthening the role of State Pollution Control Boards/Committees and Central Pollution Control Board in environmental management through monitoring and enforcement.
- e. Strategies for rationalizing the environmental regulations governing issues viz., Environmental Impact Assessment, Coastal Zone Management, Pollution Abatement in Industries and Valuation of Environmental Impact in the National System of Accounting and State Performances.

B. FORESTS, WILDLIFE & ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES

- f. Greening the country through joint forest management, agro-forestry, urban forestry and afforestation of underutilized lands through local self Governments.
- g. Optimizing productivity of forests, reducing demand and supply imbalances, rationalizing export and import regulations for improving opportunities for marketing of wood and other forest produce and promoting efficient and quality value addition for realization of worth of the forest produce collected by the communities.
- h. Technological and manpower requirements for forest protection against forest fires and illegal activities including encroachments and poaching.
- i. Recognizing the symbiotic relationship between forest and forest dwellers, integration of poverty alleviation schemes, gainful employment generation programmes with due empowerment of communities for tribals and women, including imparting special programmatic and policy focus on development and sustainable use of medicinal plants, bamboo and canes and other Non-timber forest produce (NTFP) resources
- j. Policy prescriptions for strengthening linkages between forestry, agriculture, pastures, watershed development in rural and tribal development programmes.
- k. Conservation and development of wildlife habitats, protected areas, and evolve workable participatory systems with communities for conservation of biodiversity.
- l. A community centered Animal Welfare strategy with vigorous role for voluntary agencies.

4. The Chairman may constitute specific Working Groups for the relevant sub-sectors as may be considered necessary. The Steering Committee will suggest a portfolio of schemes, corresponding measurable objectives and financial requirements. The Committee may consider any other issue, which it may consider relevant.
5. The Chairman may co-opt other Experts and constitute sub-groups for specific tasks. The Steering Committee would be serviced by E&F Division of the Planning Commission.
6. The expenditure on TA/DA of official members of the Steering Committee will be borne by their respective Ministry/Department as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. TA/DA for non-official members will be borne by the Planning Commission as per SR190(a).
7. The Steering Committee will submit its report to the Planning Commission by the 30th September, 2011.
8. Dr. Biswajit Banerjee, Director (Forestry), Planning Commission, Ph. 011-23096720, will be the nodal officer in the Planning Commission for this Steering Committee and any further correspondence in this regard may be made with him.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

Chairman and all Members (including Member Secretary and Convenor) of the Steering Committee.

Copy to:-

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