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To

The Chief Secretary,  
(All States/UT's)

**Sub:- Nominations of IFS Officers for One-week training & Two-day Training Workshops-regarding.**

Sir,

As you are aware, based on a policy decision of the Government of India, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has been sponsoring Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers borne on various State cadres, for participation in short-term refresher courses on various topics related to forestry, wildlife and environment management and administration in the premier institutions in the country, since 1986 onwards.

2. In addition, Ministry has also been sponsoring two-day training workshops on the emerging topics of national, regional and international importance. The objective is to upgrade the knowledge and skills of officers and elicit suggestions through, brain-storming sessions, which could be useful in policy formulation at the Central and State Government levels. On analysis of feedback received from time to time, the courses/workshops have been found quite useful in updating the skills and knowledge of the officers and sharing of experiences including innovations, being adopted in the various States.

The expenditure towards course fee and boarding & lodging charges are borne by the Government of India. However the expenditure on travel is to be borne by the respective State/UT's Governments.

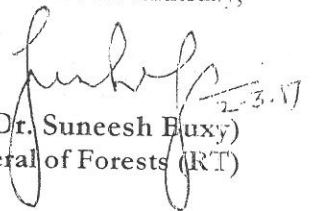
4. Many a times it is observed that the officers are not relieved by the State Government for participation in these refresher courses/training workshops. You would appreciate that capacity building of human resource is one of the important requirements for efficient administration and management of our forest and wildlife resources. Through participation in the refresher courses/ training workshops, the officers refresh their knowledge on the new techniques and trends in the management of forests at the national as well as global levels and share their experiences of working in different State with the colleagues. This also helps in dissemination of best practices adopted in one State to others.

5. Your co-operation in making this in-service training programme a success is solicited. The following guidelines regarding participation in the courses sponsored by the Ministry of Environment Forest, Climate Change (MoEF&CC) may kindly be brought to the notice of all the IFS officers.

- The officers who have just passed out of IGNTA and are undergoing mandatory attachments in States shall not be nominated till they are promoted to Senior Time Scale.
- The Batches undergoing/undergone MCT programmes shall not be nominated for a minimum of one year from the year of MCT. Special thematic workshops are proposed for them say after about six months of completion of MCT for recapitulation of the lessons learnt in MCT and their practical use.
- The senior batches who are in the Apex Scale will be excluded from any trainings/workshops.

- d. The institutions have been given instructions to forward in original the attendance sheet of the participants. The officers, who have not been serious in participating in the course, will not be nominated for training course(s) for the next two years.
- e. The State Governments/ PCCFs/ officers are requested to intimate the Ministry immediately in case an officer is nominated for a training course/workshop at a station where he/she has been nominated for a training course/workshop during the last three years.
- f. The officer either nominated in one-week training or in two-day workshop during a particular financial year.
- g. The lists are normally prepared and communicated two to two and a half months in advance to the State Governments and the Institutes. No requests for additions/ change will be entertained once the lists have been finalized and communicated.
- h. In order to ensure full participation of the nominated officers in the courses, it has been decided that if an officer nominated fails to participate in the training course, he/ she will not be nominated for the courses for the next two years unless the reasons for not participating were beyond the control of the officer.
- i. Though every effort has been made to follow the guidelines while nominating persons, the PCCF/State govt. may take appropriate steps to rectify, if any inadvertent error is noticed.
6. It is, therefore, requested that the officers nominated for such training courses are relieved by the state governments for the benefit of the state as well the officers. Your cooperation in this regard would go a long way in giving a new dimension to the forestry sector in the country. To make these courses more suitable to the needs of the state officers, we welcome any specific suggestions.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Dy. Inspector General of Forests (RT)

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Department of Forests (All States/UTs) for information kind information and further necessary action please.