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Ministry of Environment and Forests
Forest Policy Division

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Constitution of Core Group for review of National Forest Policy, 1988-reg.

The current National Forest Policy was formulated in 1988 based on the principles of maintaining environmental stability and ecological balance, participatory forest management and to increase the forest and tree cover with people's involvement. The Policy has already completed 25 years and it is proposed to revisit the Policy in view of later developments in the natural resource management and emerging national and international issues and challenges in the forestry sector. The review of the Policy aims at critical analysis of the Policy based on various parameters, identifying the gaps in the implementation of the policy and suggesting ways and means to strengthen the forest policy framework to meet the emerging needs. Accordingly, a Core Group is constituted for review of NFP and to prepare new draft of NFP as under:

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| 1. | Director General of Forests & Special Secretary | Chairman |
| 2. | Addl. Director General of Forests, (FC, Wildlife & NTCA) | Member |
| 3. | Four Representatives of State Forest Departments (by rotation) | Member |
| 4. | All IGFs/DIGFs/Representatives of Climate Change Division
Sustainable Development Division, Biodiversity Division,
Wetland Division, IA Division, Desertification Cell | Member |
| 5. | Representatives of IGNEA, ICFRE, FSI, IIFM, WII
BSI, ZSI, GBPIHED | Member |
| 6. | Representatives from Ministries- MoTA, MoRD, MoA, MoWR,
MoPR, Ministries of Coal, Power, Mining, Tourism,
Surface Transport, Urban Development | Member |
| 7. | Representatives of CII/ FICCI | Member |
| 8. | Representatives of Civil Society Organization viz. TERI, WWF
WTI, CSE, ATREE, etc. | Member |
| 9. | DIGF, Forest Policy | Member Convener |

2. The terms of reference of the above Core Group are as below:

- to critically examine how far the objectives of the NFP have been met.
- to suggest the various thematic areas that need to be added to the Policy in view of the subsequent developments that have taken place both at national (PESA, FRA, Biological Diversity Act, 2002 etc.) as well as international levels including Post Rio UN Conference on Environment & Development (1992) which broadly includes Agenda 21, Forest Principles and UN Conventions on Climate change, Biodiversity and Desertification, Rio+20 (UN Conference on Sustainable Development) and International Arrangement on Forests etc. to strengthen the implementation of the Policy.

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- iii. to project a futuristic scenario in view of current changes in demographic and socio economic conditions and accordingly integrate proposed suggestions in NFP.
 - iv. to prepare a Zero Draft of a new Proposed NFP.
 - v. The committee is to complete the review and submit the Zero draft within one year.
3. The Chairman of the Committee may invite expert (s) as and when required carry out its functions effectively.
4. TA/DA for the non-official Members will be borne by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as per the Govt. of India rules.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

21/11/14

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35. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEF, New Delhi
36. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.
37. The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
38. The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.
39. The Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi.
40. The Secretary, Ministry of Ministry of Panchayati Raj, New Delhi.
41. The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, New Delhi
42. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, New Delhi
43. The Secretary, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi
44. The Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, New Delhi
45. The Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi
46. The Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi
47. Addl. Director General of Forests, (FC), MoEF, New Delhi
48. Addl. Director General of Forests, (Wildlife), MoEF, New Delhi
49. Addl. Director General of Forests, (NTCA), MoEF, New Delhi
50. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All States/UTs
51. The Joint Secretary (Climate Change) , MoEF, New Delhi
52. The Joint Secretary (Biodiversity), MoEF, New Delhi
53. The Joint Secretary (Wetland) MoEF, New Delhi
54. The Joint Secretary (IA) MoEF, New Delhi
55. The Joint Secretary (Desertification) MoEF, New Delhi
56. All IGFs (EAP, NAEB, WL, FC, NTCA, PE), MoEF, New Delhi
57. All DIGFs (FP, RT, SU, FPR, NAEB, WL, NTCA), MoEF, New Delhi
58. The Director General, IGNFA, Dehradun
59. The Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun
60. The Director General, FSI, Dehradun
61. The Director ,IIFM, Bhopal
62. The Director, WII, Dehradun
63. The Director, BSI.

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