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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(RE - Division)

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**OFFICE MEMORENDUM**

Subject: Constitution of the Steering Committee (SC) under the Environmental Research and Development Programme (ERDP) -reg.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby constitutes the Steering Committee under Environmental Research and Development Programme (ERDP) in RE Division of the MoEF&CC with the following Composition:

S. No.	Expertise	Name and designation	Status	Address
1.	..	Additional Secretary (EF&CC)	Chairperson (Official)	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2.	..	Adviser (RE)	Vice Chairperson (Official)	-do-
3.	..	Additional Secretary and FA or his representative	Member (Official)	-do-
4.	Biodiversity	Chairperson, NBA	Member (ex-Official)	National Biodiversity Authority, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, TICEL Bio Park, CSIR Road Taramani, Chennai- 600113
5.	Pollution	Chairperson, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)	Member (ex-Official)	Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi
6.	Remote Sensing technology.	Ms. Ridhika Aggarwal, Content Writer	Member (non-official)	Savitr Analytics & Media, B8G, Gangasthal Apartment, Part-1 Muni ki Reti, Rishikesh-249137.
7.	Botany	Dr. K.P. Sharma	Member (non-official)	Department of Botany, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur-302015.
8.	Entomology and Taxonomy	Dr. Dinendra Raychaudhuri	Member (non-official)	Deptt of Zoology, Entomology Laboratory, University of Calcutta, 35, Ballygunge, Kolkata-700019
9.	Environment Management	Dr. A. J. Solomon Raju, Prof. & Head	Member (non-official)	Deptt of Environmental Sciences, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam-530003.

10.	Marine Ecology	Dr. K. Kathiresan Emeritus Prof.	Member (non-official)	CAS in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, Paranipettai-608502.
11.	Conservation Biology and Pollution.	Dr. Gurunath Ramanathan, Professor	Member (non-official)	Deptt of Chemistry, IIT, Kanpur-208016.
12	..	Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Scientist 'C'.	Member- Secretary (Official)	M/o Environment, Forest and Climate Change , New Delhi

2. The Steering Committee shall, inter alia, assess the following:

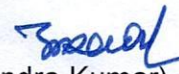
- Expected and other physical outcomes of the project vis-à-vis overall objectives of the projects.
- Component-wise analysis of the costing of the project.
- Physical outputs and environmental benefits.
- Applicability of the project.
- Techno-commercial feasibility of the project.
- Standardization of the design parameters for technology and preparation of protocols/prototypes for achieving reliable and replicable processes.
- Modalities for replication of the outcomes.

3. Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Steering Committee shall be:

- i. To provide overall direction to research endeavours of the Ministry in the broad area of ecology and environment.
- ii. To identify thrust areas of research, approval and sanction of research projects recommended by TFAC.
- iii. To suggest concrete multidisciplinary research programme in the areas of ecology and environment for implementation by TFAC.
- iv. To ensure synergies and linkages between the researches sponsored by the MoEF&CC with those sponsored by the subordinate and autonomous organizations of the Ministry as well as other concerned Government Departments to extent possible.
- v. To provide ways and means for scaling up of important and significant leads generated under different research programmes of the Ministry for wider replication.
- vi. To resolve disputes, if any, arising out of joint venture projects with public/private sector participation especially those relating to copyright, IPR royalty etc.
- vii. To provide modalities for implementations of public/private partnership research project.
- viii. To consider all proposals for research project for final approval and financial sanction based on the recommendations of the TFAC.
- ix. To consider any such other matter relating to R&D Scheme as may deem fit for promotion of research in the area of Environment and Ecology.
- x. The Steering Committee(SC) may co-opt any member/special invitee as and when required with the approval of competent authority The non-official co-opted members would also be paid sitting fee and TA/DA as per extant rules/norms of the Gol.
- xi. Official members of the Committee will be entitled to air travel, local travel for attending the meetings as admissible as per their entitlement and not entitled for any sitting fee. Claim on this account for other members will be admissible for one source only.


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- xii. Payment of TA/ DA to non-official members will be regulated as per SR-190 for attending meeting of the Steering Committee, from the budget of MoEF&CC as per rules.
  - xiii. Chairman may be entitled for reimbursement of the cost of Air travel by Executive Class by shortest route. All other members are entitled to travel by Air in the Economy class by shortest route subject to production of boarding passes for actual use of the facility.
  - xiv. Payment of sitting fee of ₹6,000/- per sitting per day for attending the aforesaid meeting by non-official members will be as per instructions issued by DoE on the subject.
  - xv. Sitting fee to salaried persons employed in Central Universities / UGC/ Central Institutes / Institutions and autonomous bodies wholly or substantially funded by the Central Government should not be paid.
  - xvi. Sitting fee is paid to the eligible Non-Official members and the scientists working in Academic Institutes of Excellence and other R&D organizations under seven scientific Ministries/ Departments only.
  - xvii. If they are already members, an undertaking may be obtained from them to the effect that they have not claimed TA/ DA twice, in the event of attending meetings on same day and entitlement may be restricted to actual.
  - xviii. Relaxation for Air journey, if any, will be as per instruction issued by the Ministry.
  - xix. Air Tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines website/ booking counters/office or authorized travel agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie Company Limited, M/s Ashok Travels Tours and IRCTC.
  - xx. No duplication in payment and payment be made through e-transfer only.
4. The tenure of the Steering Committee will be for a period of 2 years which may be subsequently extended until re-constitution of it by the Ministry.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority and with the concurrence of IFD vide their Diary Number 193337 dated 31.07.2023.

  
(Dr. Rajendra Kumar)  
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