



No. 161 /NFA-2023/40.21/MCT Phase – III (12) (4th Cycle)

Date 25.04.2023

To

The Chief Secretary
All State/UTs

Sub: Nomination of Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers for Mid-Career Training (MCT) Phase – III (12) programme – regarding.

Sir,

This is to inform that in accordance with the existing MoEF&CC and DoPT, GoI guidelines, the 12th Course of the Phase – III of the Mid-Career Training (MCT) programme for IFS officers of YoA – 2012 and 2013 YoA (7 – 9 years of service), the IFS officers of 2011 YoA, who missed the 09th/10th Course and the IFS officers who have recently completed PSUC after induction into IFS on promotion from SFS is being organized by Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), as per the following schedule:

| Complete duration | Management Module at IIFM Bhopal | Thematic tour | Line Ministries Module | Forestry Module at IGNFA |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 29 May to 23 June 2023 (4 weeks) | 29 May to 03 June 2023 (1 week) | 04 to 11 June 2023 (1 week) | 12 to 17 June 2023 (1 week) | 19 to 23 June 2023 (1 week) |

2. The IGNFA has enlisted the eligible IFS officers for the aforesaid Course. It is to be noted that the officers having less than three years of service left after the year in which he/she is supposed to undergo the Phase – III MCT as well as those who have not completed PSUC after induction into IFS on promotion from SFS have been excluded. Accordingly, a list of 106 officers has been finalized, of which S.No. 1 – 80 are in Priority List – I and the S.No. 81 – 106 are in Priority List – II. The officers from the Priority List – II will be included to the extent of number of officers from the first 80 officers of Priority List – I drop out or show his/her unavailability; otherwise, these officers would be invited in the next Course.

The complete list of the **106** officers, for whom the registration has been opened, is attached as Annexure – 'A'.

The **07** officers who have missed the earlier two offers to participate in the MCT Phase – III programme, have to approach the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, through the State being Government for seeking approval for the third offer. The list of such officers is attached as Annexure – 'B'.

3. While preparing the list, the latest IFS Civil List – 2023 available at the MoEF&CC website has been used. However, the concerned administrative department and the Cadre Controlling Authority may kindly go through the Annexure – 'A' and arrange to nominate such eligible officers pertaining to the Year of Allocation (YoA) and meeting the criteria of the MCT programme, and their name being missed out in the list due to mistake or discrepancies, if any, with the source document.

The IGNFA shall incorporate these names in the subsequent list of nominations after getting confirmation from the MoEF&CC. The State Governments are, however, requested to convey the approval of participation for all the officers from their States figuring in the list so that further approval may not be required while including the officers from the waiting list.

4. As the above training programmes are being organized in association with National/International institutions and also involve tour component within the country participation of individual officer needs to be confirmed well in advance both by the concerned States as well as by the participants themselves. This may kindly be done latest by **08.05.2023**. It is also mentioned that keeping in view the advance ticket booking and other commitments involved in the conduct of the training programme, it would not be possible to change a confirmed nomination to the training programme.

The nominated officers have to be relieved in time to enable them to join the training programme on **29.05.2023** at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal for the Management Module. During the programme, the participants will be provided single accommodation and under no circumstances the family members would be allowed to accompany during the entire training programme including study visit. This may clearly be brought to the notice of officers so that they do not face embarrassment of return of their families from places of training.

Since the MCT programme is *no leave training*, the officers may be advised not to carry any liability during the training period of **29.05.2023** to **23.06.2023** as absence from the training is not allowed.

5. The IGNFA has provided a link on its portal (www.ignfa.gov.in) with the details regarding the registration; the officers enlisted in Annexure – 'A' are required to complete the registration latest by **08.05.2023**.

6. Further, it is worth mentioning that the Indian Forest Service (Pay) Rules have been revised vide notification no. 20011/1/2006-AIS-II dated 21.02.2008 and its amendment through IFS (Pay) Second Amendment Rules, 2008 vide notification no. 14021/3/2008-AIS-II dated 27.09.2008, to make successful completion of these MCT programmes compulsory for award of Junior Administrative Grade, IInd Super time scale and further increments to the concerned officers. Therefore, it would be the responsibility of the concerned State Government and the officers themselves to be in a position to attend the programme on first nomination only as per the schedule. Failure to attend the said training, without express approval of MoEF&CC, GoI, would mandatorily attract the consequences laid down in the IFS (Pay) Rules, for which this Academy or the MoEF&CC shall not be responsible.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


(Bharat Jyoti)
Director, IGNFA

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests) of all States/UTs
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) of all States/UTs with a request to kindly direct the officers nominated for the Course to visit the IGNFA website www.ignfa.gov.in for further details and complete their registration, which is compulsory.