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To

The Chief Secretary
Government of West Bengal
Secretariat, Writers Building
Kolkata-700001,
West Bengal

Sub: Phase- IV (8) Mid-Career Training programme for Indian Forest Service officers regarding

Sir,

This is to inform you that as a part of civil services reforms approved by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the three All India Services, viz., IAS, IPS & IFS, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI (MoEF&CC) has approved conduct of Phase IV Mid Career Training programmes for IFS officers of 16-18 years seniority, The eighth course of Phase IV MCT programme for the IFS officers of 1997, 1998 & 1999 batches is proposed to be organized by IGFA in the year 2015 – 16, as per the schedule given as under:-

Phase	Complete duration	Duration at IIM Lucknow	Duration abroad (In two groups of 30 participants each)	Duration at IGFA for In-country Module
MCT IV (8) (Training Provider – TERI University)	17 th August to 09 th October, 2015 (8 weeks)	17 th to 21 st August, 2015 (1 week)	21 st September to 03 rd October, 2015 (2 weeks)	24 th August to 19 th September, 2015 & 05 th to 09 th October, 2015 (5 weeks)

2. IGFA has finalized the list for nominations to the aforesaid 8th Course of Phase IV programme excluding who has less than three years of service left after the year in which he/she is supposed to undergo MCT as well as those who have not completed PSUC on promotion from SFS. In preparing the list of nominees, roster system approved by MoEF&CC vide letter No.2-9/2006-RT dated 26/11/09 has been followed. Accordingly, names of 105 officers have been finalized for the course, in which the officers at Sl. no. 61 – 105 would be kept in waiting list and would be invited to attend the course, only if any of the first sixty officers drops out or shows his/her unavailability. Otherwise, these officers would be invited in the next course of Phase IV. The complete list whom online registration has been opened as first offer is attached as Annexure – I to this letter. While preparing the list, IFS Civil List 2014 drawn by MoEF&CC has been used as basis. It is, however, likely, that some names especially of those officers inducted into IFS and allotted the relevant YoA, subsequent to preparation of the said civil list, might have not been indicated in the list. In view of this, the concerned administrative department and Cadre Controlling Authority may kindly go through the Annexure- I and inform IGFA about missing names with all particulars pertaining to YoA 1997, 1998 & 1999, which are not figuring in the said nomination list. Academy shall incorporate these names in subsequent list of nominations after getting confirmation from the MoEF&CC. The State Governments are, however, requested to convey approval of participation for all the officers figuring in the list from their states, so that further approval may not be required for inclusion of the officers from Sl. no. 61 to 105 due to drop outs from Sl. no. 1 to 60.

3. As the above training programmes are being organized in association with National/International institutions and also involve two-week foreign visit as well as training at other national level Institutions like IIMs, the 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 **31.05.2015**. It is also mentioned that keeping in view the international commitments

involved in the conduct of the training programme, it would not be possible to change a confirmed nomination to the training programme.

4. You are requested to direct the concerned officers about the programme details and ask them to be in complete readiness. As the Academy has enabled the facility of online registration at its website (www.ignfa.gov.in), the officers may also be directed to register online immediately. **The most important requirement for all the participating officers would be to get their official passports ready from the Regional Passport Officers located in your State.** The officer can either use authority of this letter or respective State Govt. letters for issuance of official passport from Regional Passport Office or approach the IGNFA on an urgent basis to make available the political clearance issued by MEA. The visa formalities can be completed by the Academy/MoEF&CC, only for those officers, who have obtained the official passport in time and have intimated the Academy accordingly. The participating officers may kindly be directed to follow the above requirements well in time.

Further, the States are also requested to take advance action to ensure release of the nominated officers in time to enable them to attend the training programme on 17 August, 2015 at 09 AM at IIM, Lucknow. **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 abroad. Officers must also not carry any liability during the period of 17.8.2015 to 09.10.2015 for absents from the training. 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 including foreign countries.**

5. 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 offer only as per the schedule. Failure to attend the said training, without express approval of MoEF&CC, 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,


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Director, IGNFA

Copy for information and necessary action to

- 1 The Secretary, Deptt. of Environment & Forests, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 2 The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal 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 on-line registration, which is compulsory.