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To

The Chief Secretary
Government of Punjab
Punjab Secretariat,
Chandigarh-160017,

Sub: Phase-III (2) of the Mid-Career Training (MCT) programme for Indian Forest Service officers nominations – regarding.

Sir,

This is to inform you that as a part of civil services reforms, as approved by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the three All India Services, viz., IAS, IPS & IFS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India had approved the Phase – III of the Mid Career Training (MCT) programmes for the IFS officers having 26-28 years seniority in accordance with the recent DoPT guidelines.

The second course of the Phase – III of the MCT programme for the IFS officers of 1989 & 1990 batches and the senior officers who missed the course in the past, is being organized by Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) as per the following schedule:-

Duration	Management Module at IGNFA	Best Practices Tour	Forestry Module at IGNFA
15 th January to 02 nd February, 2018 (3 weeks)	15 th to 20 th January, 2018 (1 week)	22 nd to 27 th January, 2018 (1 week)	29 th January to 02 nd February, 2018 (1 week)

The IGNFA has finalized the nominations, for the aforesaid Course, that exclude the officers having 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 Professional Skill Up-gradation Course (PSUC) consequent to their promotion from the State Forest Service (SFS).

Accordingly, a list of 76 officers have been finalized. The officers in the Waiting list, from Sl. no. 61 – 76, could be invited to attend the course, only if any of the first sixty officers drops out or shows his/her unavailability; else, these officers would be invited in the next course.

The complete list of the officers, for whom the online registration has been opened as the first offer and as the second offer, is attached as Annexure-'A'. The officers who have missed the earlier two offers to participate in the MCT programme, may approach the MoEF&CC through the state government for seeking approval for the third offer. The list of such officers is attached as Annexure-'B'.

While preparing the list, the latest IFS Civil List – 2017 available at the MoEF&CC website has been used. It is, however, likely, that some names, especially of those officers inducted into the IFS and allotted the relevant Year of Allotment (YoA) subsequent to preparation of the said civil list, might have not been included. In the view of this, the concerned administrative department and the Cadre Controlling Authority may kindly go through the Annexure-'A' and arrange to nominate those eligible officers pertaining to the YoA and meeting the criteria of the MCT programme.

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.

As the above training programmes are being organized in association with the National institutions of high repute 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 **15.11.2017**. 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 any confirmed nomination at a later stage.

You are requested to direct the concerned officers about the programme details and ask them to be in complete readiness. As the IGNFA has enabled the facility of online registration at its website (www.ignfa.gov.in), the officers may also be directed to register online latest by 22.10.2017.

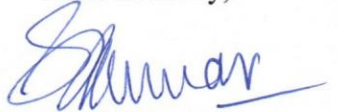
Further, the States are also requested to take advance action to ensure release of the nominated officers in time to enable them to join the training programme on 15.01.2018 at the IGNFA. **During the programme, the participants will be provided single accommodation and under no circumstances the family members would be allowed to accompany during the entire training programme including study visits. This may clearly be brought to the notice of officers so that they do not face embarrassment on this issue.**

Since the MCT programme is a no leave training, the officers may be advised not to carry any liability during the training period of 15.01.2018 to 02.02.2018 since absence from the training would not be allowed.

Further, it is worth mentioning that the IFS (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 as and when they are invited for the training programme. 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 IGNFA or the MoEF&CC shall not be responsible.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


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Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Special Principal Secretary, Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation, Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Deptt. of Forests & Wildlife Preservation, Govt. of Punjab 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.