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To

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

Sub: Phase-II (4th) Mid-Career Training (MCT) Programme for Indian Forest Service officers nomination – regarding

Sir,

This is to inform that as a part of civil services reforms the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India has approved Phase-II Mid-Career Training (MCT) Programmes for the Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers of 14-16 years of service seniority in accordance with the recent Department of Personal and Training (DoPT) guidelines. The fourth course of IIIrd cycle of Programme is proposed to be organized by the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) in the current year as per the schedule given below:

Complete duration	Management Module at IIM, Lucknow	Line Ministries Attachment at Delhi	Overseas Module	Forestry Module at IGNFA
09 th July to 04 th August, 2018 (4 weeks)	09 th to 14 th July, 2018 (1 week)	15 th to 21 st July, 2018 (1 week)	22 nd to 29 th July, 2018 (1 week)	30 th July to 04 th August, 2018 (1 week)

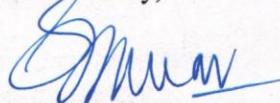
- The following lists have been finalized for the said Programme:
 - List A: The list of officers is shown at S.No. 1 to 60 in Annexure – I.
 - List B: The list of officers shown at S.No. 61 to 99 in Annexure – I is the waiting list.
- The online registration has been opened for ALL the officers of Annexure I. **The registration will close on 07.05.2018.** Altogether 60 officers will be included for the Programme. The officers from List A registering for the Programme will be given priority. The officers from List B registering for the Programme will be included if there are dropouts from the List A. Those officers from List B will be included who have registered early.
- The following points have been taken into account while finalizing the above lists:
 - The officers of the 2002 to 2004 batches and the officers of the senior batches who had missed the Programme in the past have been considered.
 - The officers who have less than three years of service left after the year in which he/she is supposed to undergo the training have been excluded.
 - The officers who have not completed Professional Skill Upgradation Course (PSUC) consequent upon their promotion from the SFS have been excluded.
 - The officers who have missed earlier two offers to participate in the said Programme have been excluded. These officers have been placed at S.No 01 to 05 in the Annexure –II. Concerned Officers may approach the MoEF&CC through the State government for seeking approval for the third offer. Despite missing two offers officers have been included if they have been approved by the MoEF&CC for the third offer.
- While preparing the list, the latest IFS Civil List – 2017 available at the MoEF&CC website has been used. It might be possible 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 be missing in the list. The concerned administrative department and Cadre Controlling Authority may kindly go through the Annexure I and arrange to nominate those eligible officers pertaining to the YoA and meeting the criteria of the Programme given above. The IGNFA 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 Annexure I from their state so that further approval may not be required for inclusion of the officers from the List B in case there are dropouts from List A.

5. As the above training Programmes are being organized in association with the National/International institutions and also involve one-week foreign visit as well as training through reputed Management Institutions, the participation of officers need to be confirmed well in advance by the concerned states latest by **07.05.2018**. It is also mentioned that keeping in view the international commitments involved in it would not be possible to change/withdraw any confirmation later on.
6. You are requested to direct the concerned officers to be in complete readiness to attend the Programme. As the Academy has enabled the facility of online registration at its website (www.ignfa.gov.in), the officers may be directed to register online as early as possible. **The most important requirement for all the participating officers would be to get their official passport ready from the Regional Passport Officers located in their respective states.** The officer can either use authority of this letter or respective State Govt. letters for issuance of official passport from the Regional Passport Office or approach the IGNFA on an urgent basis to make available the political clearance issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The visa formalities have to be completed subsequently for which information will be sent in due course of time. The participating officers may kindly be directed to follow the above requirements well in time.
7. Further, the States are also requested to take advance action to ensure relieving of the nominated officers well in time to enable them to join the training Programme on 09.07.2018 at 08.30 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 them during the entire training Programme including study visit to abroad. This may clearly be brought to the notice of officers so that they do not face embarrassment on this account.**
8. **Since the MCT Programme is a no leave training; the officers may be advised not to carry any liability during the entire duration of the Programme.**
9. 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: Annexure I and II

Yours faithfully,


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Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Environment & Forests, Govt. of West Bengal.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Deptt. 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.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.