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To

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

Sub: Phase-IV (7) 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, GOI (MoEF) has approved conduct of Phase IV Mid Career Training programme for IFS officers of 16-18 years of seniority. Accordingly, the seventh course of Phase-IV MCT programme for the IFS officers of **1996 and 1997** batches is proposed to be organized by IGNTFA in the year 2014-15, 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 IGNTFA for In-country module
IV(7) (Training Provider – TERI University)	28 th April, 2014 to 21 st June, 2014	28 th Apr'14 to 03 rd May'14	02 nd June'2014 to 14 th June'2014	05 th May, 2014 to 31 st May, 2014 16 th June, 2014 to 21 st June, 2014

2. IGNTFA has finalized the nominations for the aforesaid 7th Phase IV MCT programme as per the DoPT guidelines, which provide that a member of service, who has less than three years of service left after the year in which he is slotted to undergo MCT, would not be nominated for the same. In preparing the list of nominees, roster system approved by MoEF vide letter No.2-9/2006-RT dated 26/11/09 has been followed. Accordingly, names of 109 officers have been finalized for the course, in which the officers at S. no. 63-109 are being kept in reserve list and would be invited to attend the course, only if any of the first sixty officers drop out or show his/her unavailability. Otherwise, these officers would be invited in the next course of Phase IV. The complete list is attached as **Annexure - I**. While preparing the list, IFS civil list 2013 drawn by MoEF, has been used as the basis. It is, however, likely, that some names especially of those officers inducted into IFS & allotted the relevant YoA, subsequent to preparation of the said civil list, might not have been included in the civil list. In view of this, the concerned state administrative department may kindly go through the IFS civil list and inform IGNTFA about missing names pertaining to YoA **1996 or 1997**, 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. 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 S. no. 63 to 109 due to drop outs from S. 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 **20thFeb, 2014**. 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 except under very emergent circumstances and that too only after the approval of MoEF.

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/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 this Academy/MoEF, 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.

5. 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. **During the programme, the participants will be provided accommodation on single occupancy basis and under no circumstances the family members would be allowed to accompany during the entire training programme including study visit abroad. 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.**

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 as per the schedule. Failure to attend the said training, without express approval of MoEF, would mandatorily attract the consequences laid down in the IFS (Pay) rules, for which this Academy or the MoEF shall not be responsible.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above



(R K Goel)
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.