

Sponsoring of long-term courses by the MoEF for the IFS officers

The MoEF as the cadre Controlling Authority for the Indian Forest Service, have been sponsoring one/two week courses in the premier institutions in the country. A number of other long-term courses on management and administration in government are also being organised by the premier institutions which help in upgrading the skills and knowledge of the officers equipping them for shouldering higher responsibilities in the government. However, many times because of the financial constraints, the state governments are not able to sponsor the willing officers for these courses. Keeping in view the above, the MoEF have decided to sponsor six IFS officers each for undergoing courses on “*Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration*” (nine months course) at IIPA, New Delhi and “ *Executive Post-graduate Diploma in Business Programme*” (one year Course) at MDI, Gurgaon, Haryana, who get selected by the institutions concerned as per their normal selection procedures.

2 The interested officers may get in touch with the institutions and apply for admission. The course fee would be paid by the MoEF. The expenditure towards salary etc. of the officer has to borne by the state government/ organisation where the officer is working at the time of deputation for training. The criteria for sponsoring of the officers selected by the institutes for the above mentioned courses would be as below:

- i. The officer should have not undertaken any long term foreign training course (three months and above)
- ii. The officer should not have participated in any long term course in India (more than six month)
- iii. The officer should not have availed study leave (with normal pay as per All India Services Rules)
- iv. In case number of applicants is more, the sponsoring of officers would be based on their assessment of the ACRs for the last 5 years
- v. In a year, preference will be given to officers who are older in age, if more applications are received
- vi. Salary shall be paid by state government/organizations concerned where the officer is serving at the time of deputation for the course
- vii. Three slots each for each course, shall be reserved for the officers on deputation to the GOI/autonomous organisations of the GOI/officers on deputation outside their cadre states

3 The officers must follow all the prescribed procedures for applying for undergoing these courses (approval of the state government, cadre clearance etc.)