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To

**The Forest Secretaries/  
PCCFs  
All States/UTs**

**Subject: Proposal to introduce promotion linked compulsory training course for the promoted officers of the State Forest Service (Assistant Conservators of Forests) -reg.**

Sir,

As the State/UT governments are aware, the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), Government of India, organize induction training for the officers of the Indian Forest Service, State Forest Service, Forest Range Officers and ten weeks *Skills Upgradation Course* for the officers promoted from the State Forest Service to the Indian Forest Service. Apart from this, the MoEF have been organizing short-term in-service refresher courses for the various levels of officers in the State Forest Departments. Like in the case of promoted IFS officers, presently there is no provision for undergoing promotion linked compulsory training course by the promoted SFS officers {designated as Assistant Conservators of Forests (ACFs)}. The officers of the level of ACFs hold posts having higher responsibilities in the State Forest Departments. In many cases, they are appointed as Divisional Forest Officers holding independent charge of important forest divisions. Hence, they need to be equipped with appropriate skills and knowledge required for discharging such higher responsibilities.

2 The MoEF are considering organizing *six weeks promotion linked compulsory training course* for the officers promoted from the Forest Range Officers (FROs) to the grade of ACFs in the training institutions under the control of the MoEF. In the case of promoted IFS officers, the Skills Upgradation Course has been made compulsory by incorporating necessary provisions in the IFS (Recruitment) Rules, 1966 and the officers are confirmed into IFS only after completion of the course. For the promoted SFS officers also, the Ministry propose to have similar provisions in the rules so as to ensure full participation in

this course. Since the State Forest Service is controlled by the respective State/UT governments, necessary amendments to the recruitment rules also have to be made by them.

**3 Comments of the State/UT governments on the following are solicited:**

- a) whether a compulsory course of six weeks duration should be introduced for the officers promoted from FROs to SFS.
- b) if so, whether the State/UT governments would amend their recruitment rules accordingly on the lines similar to the provisions introduced in the IFS (Recruitment) Rules, 1966.
- c) The course contents for the proposed promotion linked compulsory course, a copy of which is enclosed.

**4** Comments of the State/UT governments may kindly be **forwarded by October 31, 2004** for taking further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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**Encl.** As above