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**O R D E R**

Subject:- Merger of National Afforestation Programme (NAP) under NAEB and Desertification Cell with National Mission for a Green India (GIM).

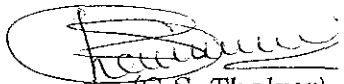
In order to enlarge the outlays, eliminate fragmentation of efforts, reduce inefficiencies and optimize the decision making processes as well as impacts to achieve the objectives of increasing forest cover, carbon sequestration/storage, hydrological services and biodiversity, etc., it has been decided, with the approval of Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change, to merge National Afforestation Programme (NAP) under NAEB and Desertification Cell (DC) with National Mission for a Green India (GIM).

2. The main terms and conditions of the merger of the three schemes viz. GIM, NAP and DC are hereunder:-

- (i) The administrative structure of GIM will be adopted for the revamped GIM after merger of NAP and Desertification Cell within its ambit.
- (ii) At the Central Level, the National Governing Council, to be Chaired by the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, will provide overall guidance and maximise synergy with other programmes.
- (iii) The National Executive Council, to be headed by Secretary (EF&CC) with Director General of Forests and Special Secretary as Vice Chairman, will consider and approve the Perspective Plans and Annual Plan of operations along with monitoring the programmes vis-a-vis utilization of funds and as well as implementation of these schemes.

- (iv) The GIM Directorate, to be headed by Special Secretary/Additional Secretary, will facilitate and ensure smooth implementation of mission at the National Level. He will have the overall responsibility for the mission deliverables and will be supported by a team of experts and secretarial staff.
- (v) At the State Level, the Steering Committee would be headed by Chief Secretary to provide policy guidelines and approve Annual Plan of operations.
- (vi) The State Executive Committee, to be headed by Principal Secretary (Forests), will approve District level Annual Plan of operations and provide technical guidelines for preparation of Perspective Plan as well as Annual Plan of Operations for the State along with ensuring convergence.
- (vii) At the District Level, the District Steering Committee, to be headed by District Collector, will ensure proper coordination and cohesion between implementation structures like Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREG) and Green India Mission (GIM).
- (viii) The Executive Committee, to be headed by the Territorial District Forest Officer (DFO) at District Level, will deal with preparation of Annual Plans for District. However, Conservator of Forests shall coordinate with DFOs on general issues as per guidelines.
- (ix) At the Village Level, it will be Gram Sabha and the Committee mandated by Gram Sabha including the revamped Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs), which will plan and implement the Mission activities at the village level. The Plans will be approved by the respective Gram Sabhas. In urban and semi-urban areas, Ward Level Committees/Resident Welfare Associations linked to Municipality/Municipal Corporation will have a role in implementation of the Mission activities.

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- (x) The implementation of the revamped GIM and release of funds will be based on outcomes, not only on performance or activity.
- (xi) Measurement, Report and Verification (MRV) of activities and their outcomes through a common reporting system based on digital network will be the basis of payments and release of funds. For this purpose, a digital platform for mapping of forestry related resources will be set up with the help of Forest Survey of India, Dehradun and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). The digital platform will be so designed as to network the State GIS Cells and Central database and enable dynamic and MRV (Measurement, Report and Verification) of activities/outcomes under the GIM.
- (xii) The revamped GIM would further converge/dovetail itself with other land-based greening/restoration programmes and schemes of related Ministries such as Integrated Wasteland Management Programme; schemes of Animal Husbandry Department, programmes of Renewable Energy, Intensification of Forest Management Scheme, JNURM, National Watershed Mission, Horticultural and Bamboo Mission for synergy.
- (xiii) The staff of NAP under NAEB and Desertification Cell will be merged with the GIM Directorate to implement the programmes/ schemes/ projects/ activities of the revamped GIM.



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