

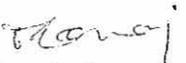
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New Delhi, Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of AS&FA, M/o EFCC with all the Heads of Organisation on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the above cited subject and to forward herewith the copy of the approved minutes for information and further necessary action.

  
(Manoj Srivastava)  
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl: As above.

To

As per list attached.

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**Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of AS&FA, MoEF&CC with all the Heads of Organisation on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 at 11.00 am. in Indira Paryavaran Bhavan.**

To discuss the Action Taken on the matter of abolition of posts lying vacant for more than 5 years, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of AS&FA, M/o EF&CC, with all the concerned Heads of Organisation on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018. List of participants is at Annexure.

At the outset AS&FA informed that as per directions of M/o Finance, all posts lying vacant for more than 5 years are to be abolished. In case any organisation feels that there are some posts included in the list which need not be abolished at this stage, they should furnish detailed justification through their respective controlling Administrative Division within next one week.

The posts under various organisations were taken up for discussion:

1. **Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB):** Addl. Director, WCCB informed that the process to fill up the post of Deputy Director is under process in the Ministry. For the 4 posts of Inspector, the advertisement has been published in Employment News but they have yet to receive any suitable nomination.

As the process of filling up the above posts was underway it may not be appropriate to abolish the same at this stage.

AS&FA mentioned that abolition of the posts may be kept in abeyance for the time being, not exceeding six months, by which time the process of filling up these posts should be completed.

2. **Directorate of Forest Education:** It was noted that 4 posts of LDCs were vacant since 2000 and one post since 1991. This is too long a period and hence there is no point in keeping these posts just for the sake of it and they should be abolished.

3. **Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA):** The three vacant posts in the organisation are vacant for more than 8 years. They are to be abolished. However, the IGNFA may submit detailed justification for seeking exemption, through their Admin Division, if the process for filling up the same is in progress.
  
4. **Central Zoo Authority (CZA):** AS&FA recalled that there is some Administrative Committee of CZA recommendation on the 3 vacant posts in the CZA. It was decided that the same may be looked into before taking any final decision.
  
5. **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI):** Director, ZSI mentioned that although the Gr. 'A' post in the organisation is essential, the same could not be filled since 1994 due to various reasons. The 52 Gr. 'B' posts and 32 Gr 'C' posts are required in the organisation, but due to various factors the same are lying vacant. AS&FA desired to know if the process of filling up the posts was in progress. In case there are such posts then ZSI may submit their detailed justification through their Administrative Division for consideration to put abolition of those posts in abeyance for some more time.
  
6. **Botanical Survey of India (BSI):** Director BSI mentioned that the posts of Botanist (22) and Preservation Assistant (14) and at least two posts of Artist Grade-1 should not be abolished. AS&FA noted that many posts were vacant since 1993-94. This is too long a period. However, it was advised that BSI may also submit detailed justification to keep out those posts from the list of abolition for which the process of filling up is in progress. The same should be routed through their Administrative Division.
  
7. **National Museum of Natural History (NMNH):** No officer from NMNH was present. One post which was vacant for more than five years was decided to be abolished.

8. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB): Sr. A. O, CPCB mentioned that they are making efforts to fill up the vacant posts and they may also be given time to do so.

In his concluding remarks, AS&FA said that for the time being the organisations may be allowed a time of six months to make efforts and fill up the vacant posts for which process is in progress. If no information is received within one week, the file for abolition of posts will be processed.

The meeting ended with note of thanks to the Chair.

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