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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(National River Conservation Directorate)

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Dated: 15th June, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: 'National Wetlands Committee' constituted under the Wetlands Rules, 2017 - Nomination of States and Expert Members

The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 were notified vide G.S.R. 1203 (E) dated 26.09.2017 superseding the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010. The National Wetlands Committee (NWC) under the chairpersonship of Secretary, MoEF&CC has been constituted vide Rule-6 of the said Rules wherein the composition of the Committee and its functions have also been listed out.

2. As per 6(xvii) of the Rules, the following States are nominated to the NWC on a rotational basis for a tenure of two years each from the date of this O.M.

- i. Assam, Gujarat and Tamilnadu (first two years) - *These State Governments shall nominate their one representative each (along with contact details) and forward to this Ministry within 10 days.*
- ii. Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha (next two years) - *These State Governments shall nominate their one representative each (along with contact details) and forward to this Ministry between 01.05.2020 to 01.06.2020.*

3. As per 6(xviii) of the Rules, the following experts are nominated to the NWC whose tenure shall not exceed three years from the date of this O.M.

- i. Shri U. A. Vora, former CCF (WL), Gujarat - *Ecology*
- ii. Dr. Arvind Kumar, President, Chair & Founder of India Water Foundation - *Hydrology*
- iii. Dr. B.C. Jha, former Principal Scientist & Head, Reservoir & Wetland Fisheries Division, CIFRI - *Fisheries*
- iv. Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi - *Landscape planning*
- v. Dr. Arfroz Ahmad, Member (Environment & Rehabilitation), Narmada Control Authority - *Socio economics*

4. Meetings of the Committee shall normally be organized in Delhi. However, in special cases, with prior concurrence of the Chairperson, a meeting may be held elsewhere in the country.

5. TA/DA of the non-official members for attending the meetings of the Committee or undertaking site visits approved by the Chairperson shall be met by the Ministry as per rules. The non-official members are entitled to travel by Air in Economy Class by shortest route by Air India and as per Rules.

6. The non-official members attending the Committee meetings/site visits are also entitled for a Sitting Fee/honorarium of Rs. 6,000/- per day.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority and the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy. No. 102976 dated 23.05.2018.

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To

1. The Secretary (Environment) of the concerned States
2. Expert Members

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