No. A-33011/1/2018-NRCD-II Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Wetlands Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road New Delhi -110003 Dated: 10th February 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

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. Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha (first two years) These State Governments shall nominate their one representative each (along with contact details) and forward to this Ministry within 10 days.

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.

Field	Expert
Hydrology	Prof. Rajiv Sinha Professor, Department of Earth Sciences Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Kanpur
Ecology	Prof Sanjay Deshmukh, Department of Lifesciences, Mumbai University, Vidyanagari, Santacruz (E), Mumbai
Fisheries	Dr.Vishwanath Waikhom, Former Dean, School of Life Sciences, Manipur University. UGC-BSR Faculty Fellow (Post Retirement Fellowship) Department of Zoology, School of Life Sciences, Manipur University
Landscape Planning	Dr. Surabhi Mehrotra, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, MANIT, Bhopal
Socio- economics	Dr. T.V.Ramachandra, Coordinator of Energy and Wetlands Research Group (EWRG), Convener of Environmental Information System (ENVIS) at Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES)., IISC Bangalore

- 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 09.02.2022.

(Rajasekhar Ratti)

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To

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

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- 1. PS to Hon'ble MEF&CC
- 2. PS to Hon'ble MoS, MoEF&CC
- 3. PPS to Secretary (E, F & CC)
- 4. PPS to ADG (WL)
- 5. PS to JS (MP)
- 6. All members of National Wetlands Committee
- 7. All Member Secretaries of Wetland Authorities of States/UTs
- 8. Website, MoEF&CC
- 9. Guard File