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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(F.C. Division)

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Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
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ORDER

Sub: **Constitution of Core Group on Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Forestry Sector.**

It is being increasingly felt that various data based activities in the Ministry of Environment and Forests and its subordinate offices and Institutes like Forest Survey of India (FSI), Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) etc need to be harmonized and integrated using modern technologies i.e **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**. Different wings of the Ministry /Institutes, viz., FSI, ICFRE etc are developing their own IT packages / systems, sometimes leading to avoidable duplication and repetitions.

2. Further, certain specific applications are needed in the Forestry Wing of the Ministry to deal with deployment of the funds under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). IT based package needs to be developed to monitor the deployment of funds to the States/UTs for plantation and other forestry activities, to begin with under CAMPA.


3. It is believed that IT and Remote Sensing based setup for CAMPA interventions will provide an efficient and transparent system for monitoring of implementation in the field. This can, subsequently, be extended to other schemes of the Ministry such as National Afforestation Plan (NAP). It may also be used for monitoring compliance of certain stipulated conditions in clearances under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. With a view to achieve such objectives, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby constitutes the Core Group with following composition:

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| • Mr. Anil Oberoi, Addl. PCCF, MP | - Group Leader |
| • Mr. S.K. Srivastava, CF, Tamil Nadu | - Member |

5. In addition to above mentioned functions, Core Group will also conduct site inspection of work as per requirement with due permission of the Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Government of India.
6. The expenditure of the above Core Group will be met from the funds retained for the Monitoring and Evaluation Studies under the Ad-hoc CAMPA.
7. Non-official Members will be given air fare by economy class for travels conducted for the work of Core Group.
This order comes into operation with immediate effect.


This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


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