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Subject: Undertaking tree plantation exercise as per National Forest Policy.

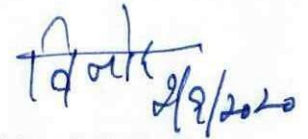
Please find attached the Letter No. N-21/27/2020-P&C dated 24 August 2020 received from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India, forwarding herewith a copy of the D.O. of Ministry of Environment, Govt. of India, vide D. O. E.4-1/2020-BI(NAEB) dated 24 July 2020 and 24 March 2020, on above subject for information and compliance (copies enclosed).

2. Heads of ROs/BOs/Labs/NITS are therefore, requested to ensure compliance of the instructions containing in the enclosed letters.
3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: as above

Our Ref: ADMN/09/04/2014

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(Vinod Kumar)
Director (Administration)

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No N-21/27/2020-P&C
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

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Krishi Bhawan
Dated 24th August, 2020

To

- i. The Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Manak Bhawan, New Delhi.
- ii. The Registrar, NCDRC, New Delhi
- iii. The Director General, NTH, Calcutta
- iv. IILM, Ranchi/ All RRSLs

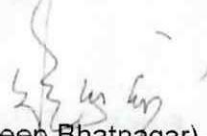
Subject :- Undertaking tree plantation exercise as per National Forest Policy.

Sir,

Please refer to this Department's email dated 1st August, 2020 forwarding therewith a copy of D.O. letter No. E-4-1/20200-BI(NAEB) dated 24th July, 2020 received from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change together with a copy of D.O. letter dated 24th March, 2020 from Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Information & Broadcasting and Heavy industries & PE, on the above mentioned subject. (Copy of email with attachments is enclosed for ready reference).

2. In order to fulfill Govt's commitments under Climate COP in Paris (2016), it is absolutely essential that tree plantation is undertaken on a large scale by all organisations with whom land is available.

3. It is requested to undertake maximum tree plantation exercise on land available with your organization. A progress report in this regard indicating the land area covered and seedlings planted along with your suggestions, if any, may please be forwarded to this Department latest by 4th Sept. 2020.


(Pradeep Bhatnagar)
Director(P&C)
Tele: 23389327.

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Fwd: urgent :-National Forest Policy

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From : US(P&C) <uspc-ca@gov.in>
Subject : Fwd: urgent :-National Forest Policy
To : omgrov@yahoo.co.in

Wed, Aug 05, 2020 02:21 AM

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From: "US(P&C)" <uspc-ca@gov.in>
To: "A K Pandey" <usbis-ca@gov.in>, "DG,NTH, Kolkata" <dgnth-wb@nic.in>, "sonker 61" <sonker.61@gmail.com>, "B.N. Dixit" <dirwm-ca@nic.in>, "ASHUTOSH AGARWAL" <ashutosh.agarwal13@nic.in>
Cc: "ARVIND KUMAR" <sobis-ca@nic.in>, "sonth-ca" <sonth-ca@nic.in>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 1:54:18 PM
Subject: Fwd: urgent :-National Forest Policy

Sir

Reference trailing mail. Requisite information may please be provided by 12(noon) 6.8.2020.

regards

From: "US(P&C)" <uspc-ca@gov.in>
To: "A K Pandey" <usbis-ca@gov.in>
Cc: "ARVIND KUMAR" <sobis-ca@nic.in>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 1:09:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: urgent :-National Forest Policy

From: "US(P&C)" <uspc-ca@gov.in>
To: "DG,NTH, Kolkata" <dgnth-wb@nic.in>, "B.N. Dixit" <dirwm-ca@nic.in>
Cc: "SO(NTH)" <omgrov@yahoo.co.in>, "Assistant Director" <adwm-ca@nic.in>
Sent: Saturday, August 1, 2020 4:44:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: urgent :-National Forest Policy

Madam/Sir,

Please see the attached DO letter from Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on the above subject. It is requested that the progress/status on action requested in the last 2 paragraphs of the DO letter may be provided to P&C Divn, D/o CA **by 5-08-2020**,



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SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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R P Gupta
D.O. No: E.4-1/2020-BI(NAEB)

AS (CAVE-144963)
Date: 29/7/2020
July 24, 2020

Dear Leena,

You may please recall that the National Forest Policy, 1988 envisages one-third of the land area of the country to be brought under Forest and Tree Cover (FTC). In the mountainous areas, the goal is to cover two-third of land under FTC. In addition, the Government has made a commitment at the Climate-COP in Paris (2015) that an additional Carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes equivalent shall be created through additional FTC by 2030. The Government has also made a commitment at the UNCCD - COP in New Delhi (2019) not only to restore 26 million hectares degraded land but reiterated the country's commitment of achieving land degradation neutrality by 2030.

Indeed, the fulfilment of the above goal and international commitments are highly relevant to the attainment of SDGs by way of enhanced provision of a number of forest and tree ecosystem goods and services that contribute to development in several ways. These include eradication of extreme poverty, improvement of economic livelihoods, health and nutrition of the communities, empowerment of women, sustenance of farm land productivity, and resilience of people, resources and infrastructure to climate change and extreme climatic events.

The achievement of the above goals/ commitments is critically dependent upon commensurate action of tree planting by all concerned Ministries/ agencies of the State and Central Governments, as a substantial proportion of land over which action is to be taken, being non-forest lands, falls under the control of Ministries/ agencies other than this Ministry. In fact, in view of the above-noted critical economic functions, forests and trees need to be considered as an important item of the asset portfolio of your Ministry and its agencies also.

Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India has requested Hon'ble Chief Ministers of all States/ UTs for taking appropriate measures so that massive tree planting is undertaken by different departments / agencies on all types of available lands, in the fulfilment of the above National Forest Policy goal and India's commitment to the UN Conventions. A copy of the letter dated 24.3.2020 is enclosed for your reference.

As your Ministry and its organizations also have lands or deal with lands over which large-scale tree planting could be undertaken, the concerned officials and organisations of your Ministry may be directed to maximise tree planting during the year and the coming years as well. A perspective plan of your Department to 2030 shall be very much appreciated so that a national level plan could be finalized, implemented and monitored. A Joint Secretary level officer in your Ministry may please be nominated on this vital issue with whom Inspector General of Forests, NAEB (Tel: 011- 24367404; email: pankaj.asthana@nic.in) of this Ministry may liaise in this regard.

I would be grateful for a note by 31st July, 2020 about the progress made on the above directions along with suggestions you may have on necessary policy/ programmatic interventions that need to be made to achieve the above mentioned goals/ commitments in a timely manner.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,

R P Gupta

[R P Gupta]

Ms. Leena Nandan
Secretary
Department of Consumer Affairs
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

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प्रकाश जावडेकर
Prakash Javadekar

D.O. No. 4-1/2020-BI(NAEB)

Date: 24th March, 2020

Subject: Tree Planting Targets for 2020-21

Dear Shri Arvind Kejriwal ji,

Forests and trees are critical to the ecological and economic well-being of the nation. Increasing the national Forest & Tree Cover to one-third of the land area of the country from the current 24.56 per cent is a national imperative. Besides, our international commitments to create additional 2.5-3 billion tonnes of Carbon equivalent sink by additional forest and tree cover and to restore 26 million ha. of degraded lands, both by 2030, obligate timely and adequate action in the field.

2. I am indeed thankful that the efforts of all States/ UTs so far have resulted in maintaining the trend of increase in national forest and tree cover as evident from the latest India State of Forest Report 2019. However, in order to achieve the NFP1988 goal and meet our above commitments, our afforestation rate needs to be enhanced substantially.

3. Accordingly, the *Vision Plan 2024* of this Ministry envisages stepping-up tree planting in the country by at least another 50 million trees each year which is a substantial jump from the past. Afforestation/ Tree Planting under 20-Point Programme Target for 2020-21 of your UT is:

Land Area to be covered (in Ha)	Seedlings to be planted (in Lakh)
2338	15.20

4. The above target will not be possible to achieve without your active support and continued personal guidance. Keeping in view the importance of the above task, I would request you to kindly convene a meeting of all stakeholders at the earliest so as to ensure that all preparations including seedling raising, site selection, tree planting and maintenance is undertaken in a timely manner.

5. A sound mechanism for coordination and monitoring to achieve the above targets needs also to be firmly in place. To this end the designated Nodal Officer need to be provided with requisite support to enable:

- (i) Timely allocation of targets amongst different Central/ State government departments/ agencies, local bodies, civil society groups and corporate entities in your UT;

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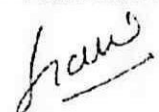
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- (ii) Mobilisation of finances, including from funds available under schemes of different Central/ State Ministries/ agencies, Finance Commission, CAMPA, CSR, etc. and that of voluntary agencies;
- (iii) Creating a mass people's movement by organising awareness generation programmes and selecting sites of planting giving preference to places of high public interest such as for Urban/ Peri-Urban Greens/ Biodiversity Parks, Village Forests, River-side/ River-origin/ Catchment plantations, Institutional Greens (e.g. Green Campus of educational institutions/ offices/ industries), Linear plantation along public infrastructure, etc;
- (iv) Ensuring that adequate seedlings are available to support mass people planting during the coming rainy season, and training programmes have been organised for all stakeholders on seedling raising, tree planting and maintenance;
- (v) Reviewing that a sound monitoring mechanism is in place at the State/ UT level to ensure that all preparatory activities, tree planting and maintenance takes place in time to ensure planted seedlings survive and transform into trees/ forests over the years; and
- (vi) Monthly progress report is sent by the Nodal Officer of your UT to the Nodal Officer of this Ministry (Inspector General of Forests, NAEB).

6. I am looking forward for expedited and concerted actions in the above regard and for reviewing the progress with the Hon'ble Ministers in charge of Forests of your UT in mid-June this year.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Prakash Javadekar)

Shri Arvind Kejriwal
Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Government of NCT of Delhi,
3rd Level, A-wing,
Delhi Secretariat, I.P Estate,
New Delhi-110002.