

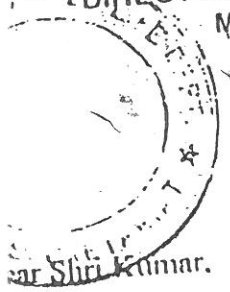


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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS & SPECIAL SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

No.DGF&SS/2001
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I am to invite your kind attention to the "Coimbatore Charter" // compendium of
the resolutions made in the recently held National Conference of Ministers of
Environment and Forests on 29-30, January, 2001 at Coimbatore. You are requested to
kindly initiate action on the following items on priority basis.

- Declare forest as a priority sector free from all administrative and financial cuts
like police department.
- Ensure qualitative improvement in forestry personnel through careful recruitment
proper training and proper cadre management.
- Provide funds for development of infrastructure like forest roads, staff quarters,
communication network, sophisticated arms and adequate number of vehicles.
Senior officers should ensure that the infrastructure provided by the state
government, is functional and is effectively used for forest protection.
- Funds should also be provided for proper demarcation of the boundaries,
prevention of encroachments and effective protection to enable forest to
regenerate and grow.
- To ensure that the management of forest is done according to working plan
approved by the central government and adequate funds are available for carrying
out silvicultural operations according to the prescriptions to the approved working
plans.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
(C. R. Oberoi)

Shri M. Mohan Kumar
Chief Secretary
Government of Kerala
Secretariat, Trivandrum
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Encl. on P1-32943/2000 Dated 25-5-2001.

Copy forwarded to Chief Conservator of Forests, Administration/
Protection/Planning/Vigilance/Wildlife/South/North for necessary
action. Necessary Project proposals may be prepared and sent
to this office at the earliest.

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for Chief Conservator of Forests (D)

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Most of the State Governments have adopted Joint Forest Management programmes and such endeavours have led to effective protection and qualitative improvement in the areas under JFM. This Ministry has also requested state governments to constitute Forest Development Agencies(FDA). Each FDA should be registered under the Societies' Registration Act 1860, so that funds can be made available by Government of India directly to these agencies. JFM committees/Village Forest Committees/ Van Samrakshan Samiti may be registered under the Societies' Registration Act 1860 or any local act or guideline with Conservator of forests. FDA would allot funds to village/forest committees.

The Central Government is willing to provide financial assistance for the purpose under the existing Central Government sponsored schemes.

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