

(Authoritative English Text of this Department Notification No.FFE-B-F(2)8/2017(I) dated 04-02-2019 required under Clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India.)

**Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Forests**

No. FFE-B.F(2)8/2017(I)

Dated: Shimla-171002, the

04-02-2019

NOTIFICATION

Whereas "The COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND ACT, 2016 (38 of 2016)", passed by the Parliament, has been published by the Government of India in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary on 3rd August 2016.

2. AND whereas the Central Government, vide notification No. S.O. 3967(E) dated 13th August 2018, has appointed the 30th day of September 2018 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force.

3. AND whereas sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 (38 of 2016) provides that:-

"With effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint in this behalf, there shall be constituted a State Authority to be called the 'State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority' in each State:"

4. AND whereas the Central Government, vide notification No. S.O. 4856(E) dated 14.09.2018, has appointed the 30th day of September 2018 as the date of constitution of the State Authority to be called "The Himachal Pradesh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority".

5. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 (38 of 2016), the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to constitute "The Himachal Pradesh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority" (hereinafter refer to as the 'State Authority') in the State of Himachal Pradesh, for the purposes of this Act, with effect from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

6. The State Authority constituted in the State shall be responsible for the management of the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (SCAF) of Himachal Pradesh and its utilisation as per the provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.

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7. The State Authority shall consist of a Governing Body and shall be assisted by a Steering Committee and an Executive Committee.

8. The Governing Body of the State Authority shall consist of the following, namely:—

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| i. Chief Minister of the State | — Chairperson, ex officio; |
| ii. Minister of Forests | —Member, ex officio; |
| iii. Chief Secretary | —Member, ex officio; |
| iv. Principal Secretary (Environment) | —Member, ex officio; |
| v. Principal Secretary (Finance) | —Member, ex officio; |
| vi. Principal Secretary (Planning) | —Member, ex officio; |
| vii. Principal Secretary (Rural Development) | —Member, ex officio; |
| viii. Principal Secretary (Revenue) | —Member, ex officio; |
| ix. Principal Secretary (Agriculture) | —Member, ex officio; |
| x. Principal Secretary (Tribal Development) | —Member, ex officio; |
| xi. Principal Secretary (Panchayati Raj) | —Member, ex officio; |
| xii. Principal Secretary (Science & Technology) | —Member, ex officio; |
| xiii. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force) | —Member, ex officio; |
| xiv. Chief Wildlife Warden | —Member, ex officio; and |
| xv. Principal Secretary (Forests) | —Member Secretary. |

9. The Governing Body of the State Authority shall —

- i. lay down the broad policy framework for the functioning of the State Authority within the overall framework notified by the Central Government on the recommendations of the National Authority;
- ii. Review the working of the State Authority from time to time.

10. The Governing Body of the State Authority shall meet at least once in six months.

11. The Governing Body of the State Authority shall, in performance of its functions and powers under the Act, be assisted by the Steering Committee and the Executive Committee.

12. The Governing Body of the State Authority may with the prior concurrence of the State Government create posts in the State Authority at the level of Assistant Conservator of Forests and other officials to assist the Steering Committee and Executive Committee in performance of its functions.

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13. The Steering Committee of the State Authority shall consist of the following, namely:—

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| i. | Chief Secretary | —Chairperson, ex officio; |
| ii. | Principal Secretary (Forests) | —Member, ex officio; |
| iii. | Principal Secretary (Environment) | —Member, ex officio; |
| iv. | Principal Secretary (Finance) | —Member, ex officio; |
| v. | Principal Secretary (Planning) | —Member, ex officio; |
| vi. | Principal Secretary (Rural Development) | —Member, ex officio; |
| vii. | Principal Secretary (Revenue) | —Member, ex officio; |
| viii. | Principal Secretary (Agriculture) | —Member, ex officio; |
| ix. | Principal Secretary (Tribal Development) | —Member, ex officio; |
| x. | Principal Secretary (Panchayati Raj) | —Member, ex officio; |
| xi. | Principal Secretary (Science & Technology) | —Member, ex officio; |
| xii. | Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force) | —Member, ex officio; |
| xiii. | Chief Wildlife Warden | —Member, ex officio; |
| xiv. | Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act,
1980 | —Member, ex officio; |
| xv. | Head, Regional Office, Ministry of
Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Dehradun | —Member, ex officio; |
| xvi. | Nodal Officer, State Forest Development
Agency | —Member, ex officio; |
| xvii. | An expert on tribal matters or a
representative of tribal communities to
be appointed by the State Government | —Member; and |
| xviii. | Chief Executive Officer, State Authority | —Member-Secretary. |

14. The Steering Committee of the State Authority shall—

- i. Scrutinise and approve with such amendments as it may deem fit and proper, the annual plan of operations prepared by the Executive Committee of the State Authority and send the same to the Executive Committee of the National Authority for final approval;
- ii. Monitor the progress of utilisation of funds released from the State Fund;
- iii. Review reports on decision taken by the Executive Committee;
- iv. Approve, subject to prior concurrence of the State Government, proposals formulated by the Executive Committee for creation of posts in the State Authority;
- v. Approve annual report of the State Authority and send the same to the State Government to lay it, each year, in each House of the State Legislature;
- vi. Ensure inter-departmental coordination.

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15. The Steering Committee of the State Authority shall meet at least once in every three months.

16. The Executive Committee of the State Authority shall consist of the following, namely: —

- i. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) —Chairperson, ex officio;
- ii. Chief Wildlife Warden —Member, ex officio;
- iii. Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Finance) —Member, ex officio;
- iv. Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Research & Training) —Member, ex officio;
- v. Nodal Officer, State Forest Development Agency —Member, ex officio;
- vi. Representative, Department of Environment —Member, ex officio;
- vii. Representative, Department of Finance —Member, ex officio;
- viii. Representative, Department of Planning —Member, ex officio;
- ix. Representative, Department of Rural Development —Member, ex officio;
- x. Representative, Department of Revenue —Member, ex officio;
- xi. Representative, Department of Agriculture —Member, ex officio;
- xii. Representative, Department of Tribal Development —Member, ex officio;
- xiii. Representative, Department of Panchayati Raj —Member, ex officio;
- xiv. Representative, Department of Science and Technology —Member, ex officio;
- xv. Financial Controller or Financial Adviser, to be nominated by the Finance Department —Member, ex officio;
- xvi. Two eminent Non-Government Organisations to be appointed by the State Government —Members;
- xvii. Two representatives of District Level Panchayati Raj Institutions to be appointed by the State Government —Members;
- xviii. An expert on tribal matters or a representative of tribal community to be appointed by the State Government —Member; and
- xix. Chief Executive Officer, State Authority —Member-Secretary.

17. The Executive Committee of the State Authority shall—

- i. Formulate and submit annual plan of operations to the Steering Committee of the State Authority for its concurrence;
- ii. Undertake qualitative and quantitative supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the works being implemented from the amounts available in the State Fund;

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- iii. Maintain books of account and other records;
- iv. Submit reports to the Steering Committee of the State Authority;
- v. Prepare annual report of the State Authority;
- vi. Deploy staff on contractual basis or on deputation on the posts in the State Authority;
- vii. Formulate proposals for creation of posts in the State Authority;
- viii. Be responsible for delegation of financial or administrative powers;
- ix. Be responsible for other day-to-day working in respect of the State Authority;
- x. Maintain and update public information system on the State Authority and present all information on its transaction in the public domain;
- xi. Undertake any other work as may be assigned by the Governing Body or Steering Committee of the State Authority or the State Government, from time to time.

18. The Executive Committee of the State Authority shall meet at least once in every three months.

19. The State Authority shall prepare its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the State Authority and forward the same to the State Government and the Central Government in each financial year by 31st December.

20. The State Government shall appoint an officer not below the rank of a Chief Conservator of Forests as the Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority.

21. The State Authority may appoint the following officers for a period not exceeding five years, to assist the Steering Committee and Executive Committee in performance of its functions under the Act, namely:—

- i. Joint Chief Executive Officer not below the rank of a Conservator of Forests;
- ii. Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary in the State Government;
- iii. Deputy Chief Executive Officer not below the rank of a Deputy Conservator of Forests.

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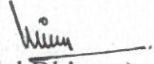
By Order,
Ram Subhag Singh
Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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Copy is forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Private Secretary to the Forest Minister Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
6. All Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
7. The Secretary to the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
8. All Heads of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
9. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Himachal Pradesh.
10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh.
11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Himachal Pradesh.
12. The Managing Director, HP State Forest Development Corporation, Ltd., SDA Complex, Kasumpti Shimla-9.
13. All Principal CCFs/ Addl. Principal CCFs/ CCFs/ CFs in Himachal Pradesh.
14. The Controller, Printing & Stationery Department, Shimla-9 with the request to publish the Notification in Extraordinary Gazette of the State Government at an early date.
15. Guard File.


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Joint Secretary (Forests) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh