



Ministry of Environment and Forests
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF MOEF NOTIFICATION DATED
11TH FEBRUARY 2010**

Ministry of Environment & Forests has decided to reconstitute the Committee as Joint Committee of the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Ministry of Tribal Affairs with the following revised composition and terms of reference:

The Revised Composition of the Committee shall be as follows:

No.	Individual and Affiliation	Designation
1.	Dr. N.C.Saxena, Retd. Secretary, Planning Commn.	Chairman
2.	Dr. Devendra Pandey, Former DG, Forest Survey of India	Co-Chair
3.	Dr. Sharach Chandra Lele, ATREE, Bangalore	Member
4.	Dr. Ravi Chellam, Wildlife Conservation Society India Programme, Bangalore	Member
5.	Dr. Arup Jyoti Saikia, IIT Guwahati	Member
6.	Dr. A.K.Jha, Commissioner, Tribal Research & Training Institute, Pune	Member
7.	Shri C.R.Sreedharan, Retd. PCCF, Tamil Nadu	Member
8.	Shri V.R.Khare, Retd. PCCF, Madhya Pradesh	Member
9.	Representative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Member
10.	Representative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj	Member
11.	Shri Ashish Kothari, Kalpavriksh, Pune	Member
12.	Shri. Ravi Rebbapragada, Executive Director, SAMATA	Member
13.	Ms. Jarjum Ete, Centre for Environment, Development and Gender Empowerment, Itanagar	Member
14.	DIG (Forest Policy), MoE&F	Member
15.	Shri R.K.Dogra, ADG(E), ICFRE, Dehradun	Member Secretary
16.	Shri Achyuta Samanta, KIIT Group, Bhubaneswar	Member
17.	Shri Raman Lal Meena, IAS Retd, Faridabad	Member
18.	Shri Mannu Lal Markam, Addl. District Magistrate (Retd), Shahdol	Member
19.	Ms. Vasavi Kiro, National Alliance for Women, Jharkhand	Member



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The Revised Terms of Reference shall be as follows:

1. The Committee shall study in detail the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 including factors that are aiding and impeding its implementation.
2. The Committee shall recommend necessary policy changes in the future management of the forestry sector in India which may be necessary as a consequence of implementation of Forest Rights Act.
3. The Committee shall identify the role of various agencies (official and others) in facilitating forest-dwellers in carrying out their roles regarding conservation and management of forests as envisaged in the Act.
4. The Committee shall identify opportunities for and recommend measures to ensure convergence of various beneficiary oriented programmes for the forest rights holders taken up by various line departments in the states.
5. The Committee shall, wherever possible, hold public consultations on all relevant issues soliciting the inputs of the concerned stakeholders.
6. The Committee shall extend full support to the Ministry for Tribal Affairs in their efforts to enforce and implement the Forest Rights Act.
7. The Committee shall define a new role for the Forest Department vis-à-vis the Gram Sabha for forest conservation and regeneration.
8. Any other matter which the Committee feels is ancillary or incidental to the purposes of its establishment.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any specialists that it may feel necessary and in furtherance of the purposes of its establishment.

The Committee shall submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Dr. Bachittar Singh
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
13.4.2010

Dr. PB Gangopadhyay,
Additional Director General of Forests
13.4.2010