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Office Order No. 49-MISC/2001

Dated October 19, 2001.

Sub:- Joint Forest Management - constitution of Co-ordination Committees of FPCs.

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Following discussion with a large section of officers at various levels and after due consideration of the emergent issues relating to practice of JFM in the State, it has been decided inter-alia to form Co-ordination Committees of the FPCs at Forest Beat and Range level in order to ensure better co-ordination among the FPCs and further consolidation of JFM practices.

2. The constitution of such Co-ordination Committees and their functions will be as follows:-

2.1 (A) Beat level Co-ordination Committee :-

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| Beat Officer | : Member-Secretary. |
| Two Executive Committee Members from each FPC. | : To be selected and nominated by the FPCs concerned. |
| One representative each from the Gram Panchayat/Panchayats. | : To be selected and nominated by the Panchayat Pradhan/ Pradhans. |
| Forest staff of the Beat not exceeding ten in number. | : To be selected and nominated by the concerned Beat Officer. |

2.2 The Beat Level Co-ordination Committee shall be formally constituted through issuance of an order by the Range Officer for a term to be specified in the said order which, however, shall not exceed two years.

2.3 The Beat level Co-ordination Committee shall meet at least once in a quarter. An officer in the rank of ADFO and the concerned Range Officer shall be present in the Co-ordination Committee meeting as observers. The Committee shall report to the concerned Range Officer.

2.4 (B) Range Level Co-ordination Committee :-

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| Range Officer | : Member-Secretary. |
| Five members from each of the Beat Level Co-ordination Committees including one representative of Gram Panchayat. | : To be selected and nominated by the concerned Beat Officers. |
| Member-Secretaries of Executive Committees of all FPCs in the Range. | : Concerned Beat Officers or their nominees in the rank of F.G./B.M./B.S. |
| One representative each of the Panchayat Samity / Samitis. | : To be selected and nominated by the concerned Panchayat Samity Sarhapaty / Sabhapatis. |
| One F.G. each from the Beats | : To be selected and nominated by the Beat Officers. |

2.5 The Range Level Co-ordination Committee shall be formally constituted through issuance of an order by the DFO for a term to be specified in the order which, however, shall not exceed two years.

2.6 The Range Level Co-ordination Committee shall meet at least once in six months. DFO shall attend the said meeting as an observer. The Committee shall report to DFO.

3. The broad functions of the Beat Level and Range Level Co-ordination Committees in their respective jurisdiction will be as follows.

- (a) To ensure better co-ordination and liaison among FPCs within the jurisdiction of the respective committee.
- (b) To provide an effective platform where the concerned FPCs may share ideas and information.
- (c) To resolve contradictions and conflicts, if any, among the FPCs.
- (d) To function as an effective communication channel between the FPCs and Forest Department Officials.
- (e) To assess and monitor the functions / performance of the FPCs.

- (f) To ensure compliance of Govt. orders and policies in the practice of JFM.
 - (g) To render help and guidance in the matters of preparation of micro-plan, implementation of JFM Support Activities, sharing of usufructs etc.
 - (h) Any other matters deemed relevant in the context of JFM.
4. The said Beat Level and Range Level Co-ordination Committees should be constituted early and such committees should become functional with effect from 1st of December, 2001.
5. The Circle Conservators are requested to report compliance of the order within 31st December, 2001.

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West Bengal.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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