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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State Governments/UT Administrations

Sub: Strengthening of Integrated Concurrent Monitoring and Evaluation System (i-CCMES) or e-Green Watch – reg.

Sir,

The Integrated Concurrent Monitoring and Evaluation System (i-CCMES) or e-Green Watch Scheme of MoEF&CC is being implemented by the State/UT Governments in consultation with the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun since 2012. This initiative was conceived with a view to ensure automation, streamlining and effective management of processes related to utilization of CAMPA funds and all other funds earmarked by States/UTs under various Central or State Government schemes for plantation and other forestry related works.

2. The success of the above endeavor is based on correct uploading of data on the e-Green Watch portal by the implementing forest divisions/ state forest department headquarter. One of the most critical data that is to be uploaded is in the form of digital polygon of the place where a work has been undertaken.

3. It is being continuously observed, however, that despite repeated requested from the FSI, a significant percentage of data being uploaded, particularly the polygons, is either incorrect or incomplete. For example, only 30 per cent of the uploaded polygons have been found to be correct as of now.

4. The following major deficiencies have been noted:

- (i) Improper digitization of polygons resulting into mismatch with topographic features, uniform shift in polygon from actual sites and polygons falling in other continent, sea, dense forest or agricultural land.
- (ii) Uploading of polygons with digitization errors, such as, symbology errors, open polygons, overlapping of polygons, multiple polygons.
- (iii) Incomplete quantitative and qualitative detail of plantations furnished in attribute table.
- (iv) Non-uniformity of data related to diversion and compensatory afforestation available e-Green Watch portal and PARIVESH

5. With a view to eliminate the above listed anomalies, States/UTs are requested to view this matter on priority, and take the following steps in a concerted manner:

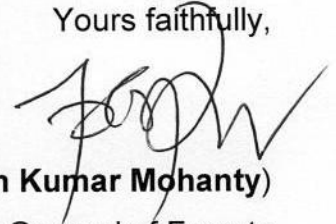
- (i) Strengthen the unit in the State Forest Department that is responsible for uploading data on e-Green Watch portal. An e-Green Watch Cell may be created for

collection, digitization and dissemination/hosting of information in an effective manner;

- (ii) Establish a system for robust scrutiny of polygons before these are uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal. This could be done by the GIS Cell at the headquarter or by the cells established in each Forest Working Plan division;
- (iii) Organise training to the field functionaries of the State Forest Departments for building their capabilities to generate and analyse the information yielding credible output in public domain; and
- (iv) Review by CEO, State CAMPA of the working of e-Green Watch Cell on a weekly basis, and by the Executive Committee of the State Authority of CAMPA in its each meeting.

6. A progress on each of the items above may be sent by the CEO, State Authority of CAMPA to Director General, FSI under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



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Inspector General of Forests

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2. CEO, National CAMPA, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh, New Delhi
3. Director General, FSI, Dehradun
4. Dy Director General of Forests (Central), all Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC.
5. Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF (HoFF), All State Governments/UT Administrations
6. CEO, State Authority, CAMPA, O/o PCCF (HoFF), All State Governments/UT Administrations
7. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.