

ANNEXURE – 4

(See Proceedings of the Committee : Para 6)

Questionnaire

1. What do you consider is the ideal administrative set up for the department in the changed circumstances –
2. Need for increase in staff strength. Whether there is justification for increased staff strength? If it is justified at what levels.
3. Is there a case for sticking to traditional forestry practices through beats and sections or extend the station concept to the whole forest area? Can you think of any better basic administration set up to make forest protection more effective ?
4. Relevance of specialized cadres as against the present practice of equipping the forest officer to perform various technical functions and change is roles.
5. What are the areas where we can think of providing more sophisticated equipments to the staff and the types of such equipments like arms and ammunitions, GPS etc.
6. Need for re-looking into the cadre strength of IFS and SFS officers with a view to optimizing the services – reduce the cadre strength?
7. Need based induction and in service training. Is the present trainings equipping the officers at various levels to perform their duties confidently and effectively? If not, the proposed changes
8. New areas for training to be covered keeping in mind the probable changes in the forestry and environmental sector in the next 25 years.
9. Possible association with other line departments. Areas where such cooperation is required and the training needs
10. Areas where the forest department and environment department should work together and the strategy both modality and personnel

11. Whether a radical change can be thought of in forest resource management by change in the present administrative set up of the department.
12. Present status on forestry research by the department and the scope for improvement if any
13. Future frontiers for forestry research- How department should equip it for the future situation. Specific areas and action needed from the department
14. Whether there is a case for modernizing /changing the present style or methods employed in forestry operations like felling, conversion, classification and auction in depots
15. Modernisation of depots- Whether such an action is called for. Shortage of labour, situation after 20-25 years etc.
16. Need for inducting more women Forest Guards- Empowerment of women, comfortable public relationships- What do you think is the ideal percentage of women we can consider for achievement for induction- There is no restriction as per rules, but the response is not that encouraging in comparison to police force.
17. Extending the focus to non forest areas also for timber production- consultation, facilitation- Is such a step called for
18. Do you find a case for change in the constitution of the protection units? In place of stations as units, beats /sections within the stations as alternative administration units.
19. Should the Forest Guard/Forester be retained in the same place for more number of years say for a period of 6-7 years instead of 3 years so that there is continuity in management and supervision for a sufficiently long period to cover the working plan period.
20. Do you think that the various Working Plans can be amalgamated and made WPs for a major Water Shed or a Region (Six or Seven in number)
21. A state where modernization in the Forest Department has been tried and working well- If such examples are there, please indicate
22. Studies or reports on which can be relied on for reference/guidance for the purpose of this Committee.