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Dated: 1st August, 2026

To

The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators,
All State Governments/ Union Territories

Subject : Vacancy Circular for inviting nominations of Indian Forest Service officers for the appointment to the post of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary [Level 17 of 7th CPC (Pre revised Apex Scale of Rs. 80,000/- (fixed)) on tenure deputation basis under the Central Staffing Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Vacancy Year: 2026) – regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change invites nominations of eligible and willing Indian Forest Service officers for appointment to the post of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS) [Level 17 of 7th CPC (Pre revised Apex Scale of Rs. 80,000/- (fixed))], to prepare "OFFER LIST" for the vacancy year 2026, under the Central Staffing Scheme of the Ministry Environment, Forest and Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as 'Scheme') dated 06.05.2011, which is available on website <https://moef.gov.in/ifs> or <https://www.ifs.nic.in>.

2. As far as the eligibility of batches vis-a-vis the minimum years of service is concerned, it has been decided to invite the applications from willing IFS officers who are eligible as per conditions laid down in the Scheme of the Ministry.

3. The criteria of eligibility laid down in the Scheme for holding the post of DGF&SS level are as under:-

- i. Minimum 30 years of service with reference to the Year of Allotment in the IFS (as on 01.01.2026);
- ii. At least one officer of the service of any state cadre, having the same year of allotment should have completed two years of service to a post in Pay Band HAG + (i.e. Rs.75,500-80,000/-) (as on 01.01.2026);

(Explanatory notes):- It is not necessary for the officer under consideration to be actually appointed in the pay band of HAG+ in his/her cadre. The officer will be eligible for consideration to this post as long as any one officer of his/her batch has completed two years of service in pay band HAG + i.e. 75,500 – 80,000/- in any State cadre).

- iii. The officer under consideration should have a minimum of one year of service left before superannuation (as on 01.01.2026); and;
- iv. No cooling off period attracts for applying to the post of DGF&SS.

4. If the officer fails to take up the central deputation assignment after the appointment is approved, he/ she will attract debarment of five years from central deputation in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Scheme.

5. **Last date of receipt of complete application:** The last date of receipt of application in the Ministry, complete in all respects as per **Annexure-I**, along with vigilance clearance, duly attested APARs (in accordance with the Scheme) and concurrence of the State Government, by email (email id: ifs@nic.in) or in physical form is **31st August, 2026**. It may also be ensured that the correct and updated Executive Record Sheet (format at Annexure-III) of the applicant is also attached along with the application.

6. Applications received without the consent of the State/UT Government, as well as those received in the Ministry after the last date for receipt of applications, will not be entertained.

7. A checklist of documents to be submitted including the application in due format, has been given at Annexure – II.

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Date: 01-08-2026
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Copy to:

1. All Principal Chief Conservators of Forests (HoFF) of State/UT Administrations.
2. The Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun-248 006.
3. Director, IIFM, Nehru Nagar, Bhopal-462 003.
4. The Director General, Forests Survey of India, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun.
5. The Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun.
6. All IFS officers in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (including National Afforestation Eco-Development Board)/ Ministry of Agriculture/ Ministry of Rural Development
7. All Ministries of Government of India
8. NIC for placing the circular on the Ministry website/Spare copies.

ANNEXURE-I**APPLICATION FORM FOR CENTRAL DEPUTATION POSTINGS UNDER THE CENTRAL STAFFING SCHEME OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE FOR INDIAN FOREST SERVICE OFFICERS (FOR THE POST OF DGF&SS)**

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Part-I (to be filled in by the applicant)

1.	The year for which application is made	2026
2.	The level at which deputation is sought	Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, MOEFCC, New Delhi
3.	Choice of Station (in order of Preference)	New Delhi
4.	Name of the applicant	
5.	Batch/year of allotment	
6.	Cadre	
7.	Date of Birth	
8.	Present pay scale with date of commencement of scale of pay	
9.	Present post held	
10.	Full Address for correspondence: (incl. phone/ mobile/ e-mail)	

11. Educational qualifications

S. No.	Degree/ Diploma	University/ Institute	Year	Subject (s)

12. Details of postings for the last 10 years (in descending order):

S No.	Years (from– to)	Post held	Name of the organization	Main responsibilities in the post (in about 100 words)	Special attributes/ achievements

13. Details of all deputation postings (in descending order):

S No.	Years (from– to)	Post held	Name of the organization	Main areas of responsibilities in the post

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14. Date of return to Cadre from last deputation:

Station:

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Phone/ Mobile:

Part-II (to be filled in by the concerned State/ UT Government)

1.	Name of the applicant	
2.	Cadre	
3.	Year of allotment	
4.	Date of superannuation	
5.	Whether the officer is clear from vigilance angle	
6.	Is there any disciplinary proceedings pending against the officer (only the cases where charge sheets have been served)	
7.	Has the officer ever been reprimanded/penalized or debarred from deputation, if so the details thereof	
8.	Whether original/copies(attested) of ACRs of last eight years enclosed	

9. Central Deputation Reserve (in figures) as on date of sponsorship:

Authorized	Filled	Gap

10. State Deputation Reserve (in figures) as on date of sponsorship:

Authorized	Filled	Gap

11. It is certified that the particulars given above about the officer are correct and that in the event of the officer being selected for posting under the CSS of the MOEFCC, the services of the officer shall be placed at the disposal of the Central Government.

Name & designation of the Head of the Forest Department of the State/ UT or the Authorized Officer	
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Date:

Place:

**Signature of the officer concerned
In the State Government/ UT Government**

Part III (to be filled in by the concerned State/ UT Government/ Concerned Administrative ministries where the officer is on deputation to the Govt. of India)

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PARTICULARS OF THE OFFICERS FOR WHOM VIGILANCE COMMENTS / CLEARANCE IS BEING SOUGHT

[To be furnished and signed by the CVO or HOD]

1. Name of the Officer (in full) :
2. Father's Name :
3. Date of Birth :
4. Date of Retirement :
5. Date of Entry into Service :
6. Service to which the officer belongs including batch/ year/ cadre – etc. wherever applicable :
- 7.(A) Positions held during the ten preceding years :

S. No.	Organization (Name in full)	Designation & Place of posting	Administrative / nodal Ministry / Deptt. concerned (in case of officers of PSUs etc.)	From	To
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- 7.(B) Whether the officer has functioned as CVO in part-time or additional charge capacity (details thereof) :
- 7.(C) Whether the officer is currently placed under suspension : Yes/ No

DATE:

(NAME AND SIGNATURE)

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VIGILANCE PROFILE OF OFFICERS FOR WHOM VIGILANCE COMMENTS / CLEARANCE BEING SOUGHT

(To be furnished and signed by the CVO or HOD)

Name of the Officer :

8. Where the officer has been placed :
on the "Agreed List" or "List of
Officers of Doubtful Integrity". (If
yes, details to be given)
9. Whether any allegation of :
misconduct involving vigilance
angle was examined against the
officer during the last 10 years and
if so with what result
10. Whether any punishment was :
awarded to the officer during the
last 10 years and if so, the date of
imposition and details of the
penalty
11. Is any disciplinary/ criminal :
proceedings or charge sheet
pending against the officer, as on
date.[If so, details to be furnished-
including reference no., if any, of
the Commission]
12. Is any action contemplated :
against the officer as on date [If so,
details to be furnished]
13. Whether any complaint with :
vigilance angle is pending against
the officer [if so, details to be
furnished].

DATE:

(NAME AND SIGNATURE)

CHECK LIST

1. Whether the application has been signed by the officer applying for deputation?
2. Whether Part-II and Part-III has duly been filled and signed by:
 - (i) Head of Forest Department, Department of the State/ UT or the Autonomous Offices.
 - (ii) Officer concerned in the State Government/ UT Government/ Concerned Administrative Ministries where the officer is on deputation.
3. Whether the duly attested APARS for respective level posts (in accordance with CSS-MoEFCC) are attached.
4. Whether State Government's Vigilance Clearance is enclosed in Part-III of Annexure-I.
5. Whether Updated Executive Record Sheet is enclosed.

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Dated: 07th August, 2025

To

The ACS/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries,
All State Governments/Union Territories

Subject: Upgradation/maintenance of IFS Website (ifs.nic.in)

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to inform that the website of Indian Forest Service (IFS) i.e. <https://ifs.nic.in> is under currently upgradation/maintenance and will not be accessible for some time. During this period, all the relevant information and updates on matters relating to the Indian Forest Service will be available on the website of this Ministry and can be accessed in the link <https://moef.gov.in/ifs>.

2. However, the online updation feature of the Executive Record Sheet Module will also be not available. Hence, officers seeking to update the ER Sheet while applying for various posts or for empanelment purposes etc, may submit the updated Executive Record Sheet in the format enclosed herewith.

3. It is requested that this information may kindly be widely circulated amongst the Indian Forest Service officers of the State/UT.


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- vii.All IFS officers (through email.) for information.
- viii.All Ministries of Government of India
- ix.NIC for placing the circular on the Ministry Website/Spare copies.

Complete Executive Record Sheet Report

Name of the Officer:	
Service:	Indian Forest Service
Cadre/Allotment Year :	
Date of Birth :	
Gender :	
Place of Domicile :	
Date of Appointment to IFS :	
Recruitment Source :	
IFS Cadre :	

Officer Address :		Marital Status :	
Telephone Office :		Telephone Residential:	
Fax Number:		Mobile :	
Email Address:		If Tenure Post (Yes/No), If Yes, Date of Expiry of the Tenure	

Educational Qualifications.

Qualification I	Qualification II	Qualification III

Posting Details

S. No	Date of Posting From	Date of Posting To	Post Hold	Department	Post Under (Cadre/Ex-Cadre/CDR(CSS-MoEF)/ CDR (CSS-DoP&T)	Pay Level/ Pay Scale & Grade Pay	Date of Pay Level/ Scale

Training Details

S. No.	Training Type (Domestic/ Foreign)	Financial Year	Duration (in Day/ Month)	Training From	Training To	Institute Name	Subject Name	Country Name

Specialization Details

Area of specialization I	Area of specialization II	Area of specialization III	Publication	Award