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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(Forest Protection Division)
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

Dated 9/5/2006.

To,
The PCCF
All States & UTs

Sub : Protocol on Forest Fires – regarding

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Protocol on forest fires has been prepared by the Ministry. A copy of the Protocol is annexed.

It is requested that the Protocol be implemented in the State / UTs in respect of forest fires and the requisite information be furnished on regular basis.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(DK Tewatia)
Asstt. Inspector General of Forests
Tel. 24363974

Encl: Protocol on Forest Fires

Copy to :

1. Secretary / Principal Secretary (Forests, All State Govts & UT Administrations

PROTOCOL ON FOREST FIRES

1. Following category of Forest Fires are to be reported to the Ministry immediately.
 - In Hilly States, forest fires affecting 100 ha. of area or more and burning for more than two days.
 - In other States, forest fires affecting 500 ha. of area or more.
 - Any instances of forest fires, howsoever small it may be in National Parks, Sanctuaries & Tourist Areas.
2. A monthly report on forest fires will be submitted by each State to the Ministry at the end of every month during fire season (in prescribed format)
3. The States should make efforts to prepare fire zonation maps.
4. The State Forest Department should make efforts and establish contact with State Fire Departments & seek their cooperation in fire management & control.
5. All States / UTs should observe a forest fire fortnight before the onset of the season to create awareness about forest fires and also assess the preparedness.

Proforma for Monthly Reporting of Forest Fire

Position as on (month and date)

Name of State:

Fire Season (Calendar Year):

No. of Fire incidents	Burnt Area (ha)	Casualties loss of human life	Loss of wildlife	No. of crown fires (if any) and area affected (ha)	Estimated losses (Rs. In lakhs)	Remarks (if any)

Subject: Prevention of forest in forests -
Measures for -

No.D-9/TMR/b/16/21,
Pune – 411001, dated 3rd April, 1981.

C I R C U L A R

Attention of all the territorial Divisional Forest Officers is invited to the various Circulars and Standing Orders issued on the above subject. It is observed that one of the major causes of forest fires is the negligence of the forest subordinates at the time of fire-tracing in the forests. It is therefore necessary that the fire tracking operations should be supervised by the Range Forest Officer or the Asstt. Conservators of Forests so that strict vigil is taken to prevent the spread while fire tracing is in progress. The Divisional Forest Officers should ring to the notice of all forest executive staff that one of the criteria for assessing their performance will be the success achieved in the protection of forests from fire as evidenced from the incidence of fires in their charges. In fact the three main considerations for assessing the performance are i) Prevention of illicit cuttings and encroachments on forest lands, ii) Success of plantations raised iii) Prevention of forest fires.

The Conservators of Forests and the Divisional Forest Officers are requested to see that the above three major performance factors are invariably taken into account while writing the C.Rs. or reviewing the C.Rs. of the officers and other staff under them.

Reports in addition to those prescribed under this office No.D-9/TMR/C/3723, dated 14.9.1978 in respect of the fires in the forests should be submitted by the Divisional Forest Officers to the Conservators of Forests should submit the Circle reports to the Chief Conservator of Forests by the 15th of June in the following proforma:

Name of Dn.	Name of Range	Round	Date of fire	Area burnt	Location C.No. etc	Estimate of damage	Reasons of the fires.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Sd/-

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Maharashtra State, Pune.

To,
The Divisional Forest Officers,
(All) (Territorial)

Copy to the Conservators of Forests, all information and necessary
action.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, R.& F.D. for
information.

Copy to Personal Asstt. to Minister (Forests) for information of Minister
(Forests)

Copy to Personal Asstt. to the Minister for State (Forests) for information
of Minister for State (Forests)