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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the levy charged from project developers for using forest land;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Institute of Forest Management is going ahead revising the net present value of forest land to be charged from project developers as part of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has assigned a study to the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal to make recommendations on revision of the rates of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land diverted for non-fores purpose. Terms of Reference (ToR) of the said study are as below:

(i) Critically examine the methodology adopted by the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Kanchan Chopra for estimation of NPV for different category/classes of forests, suggest appropriate amendment(s) if any, and recommend revised rates of NPV for different classes/category of forests;

(ii) Formulate objective parameter(s) to make a project eligible for exemption from payment of NPV, in part or in full, and prepare an exhaustive list of the category of projects eligible for exemption from payment of NPV, in full or in part (along with extent of exemption), along with terms of conditions, if any, to be fulfilled by such projects to avail such exemption;

(iii) Recommend period of validity of NPV realized for a project; and

(iv) Make any other recommendation(s) in the furtherance of the realization of the NPV more objective and scientific.

The IIFM, Bhopal is holding extensive consultations with various stakeholders and has also organized a National Consultation Workshop and a Group Convergence Method (GCM) Workshop.