

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST (HoFF) JAIPUR

No. F19(179)22/Kamik-raj/Pccf-02399/2834

Date: 12/10/2023

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As on date, the Rajasthan Forest Department has initiated the execution of an Externally Aided Project (EAP) - the Rajasthan Forestry & Biodiversity Development Project co-funded by *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD). As an outcome of this EAP, an initiative regarding carbon estimation is also about to start in collaboration with the French National Forestry Office. The Department is also at an advanced state of discussions with the *Japan International Cooperation Agency* (JICA) regarding the funding of another Forestry & Biodiversity Conservation project. There have also been discussions with representatives of the World Bank on a Natural Resource Management project in the state.

In recent times Rajasthan has been visited by various foreign nationals and Indians working for AFD, JICA, World Bank. They have on various occasions travelled to the field also and interacted with Senior and Field level officers and local villagers. Such instances of visits by AFD, JICA, World Bank and other officials are likely to happen frequently in the days to come. In this backdrop, this office has found it necessary to issue instructions aimed at putting in place a code of conduct for all officials of the Rajasthan Forest Department while interacting with representatives of bilateral/ multilateral organizations and foreign dignitaries.

1. No field officer shall carry out any direct communication with any of these agencies or with diplomatic missions of other countries in India. All correspondence shall be either by the State Government or by PCCF HoFF or by the Project Directorates of the projects.
2. Often, when tour programs of representatives of JICA / AFD / World Bank are shared, phone numbers of the visitors are also shared with CCFs / CFs / DCFs. It shall be the

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responsibility of senior field officers that cell phone numbers of dignitaries are not shared down the line with field staff.

3. All field staff shall invariably be in field uniform in course of these visits and pay particular attention to personal grooming. Camouflage dresses, fatigues and such may be totally shunned and DCFs shall ensure compliance.
4. Any meeting/ interaction/ field visit with representatives of bilateral / multilateral organizations/ diplomatic mission is always to be considered as a formal occasion. Informality in deportment or topics of discussion are to be avoided by all officers/ staff of every rank at all points of time. Queries are to be answered politely and correctly. There is no place for hearsay or conjecture in course of any such discussion. Field Staff are to be counselled to restrict their conversations to the minimum and only on issues related to the field.
5. Instructions issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs / Ministry of External affairs and/ or Government of Rajasthan in this regard shall have to be followed at all points of time.

Strict compliance to the above is expected from all.

(Munish Kumar Garg)

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Copy to :-

1. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department.
2. All PCCFs / APCCFs / CCFs / CFs / DCFs / SCOs
3. DCF, IT, Jaipur to upload on departmental web site.
4. Guard file

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