

QUESTIONNAIRE

NATIONAL FOREST COMMISSION

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION

1. Review and assess the existing policy and legal framework and their impact in a holistic manner from the ecological, economic, scientific, economic, social and cultural viewpoint.
2. Examine the current status of forest administration and the forestry institutions both at all India and State level to meet the emerging needs of the civil society.
3. Make recommendations indicating specific policy options for achieving sustainable forest and wildlife management and development, bio-diversity conservation and ecological security.
4. Suggest ways and means to make forest administration more effective with a view to help to achieve the above policy options.
5. Establish meaningful partnership and interface between forestry management and local communities including tribal.

STAKEHODER: NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (NGO)

A. PARTICULARS

1. Name of the Non –Governmental Organization:

2. Year of establishment:

3. Location of head office:

State:

District:

Division:

City/Village:

Street /ward:

Pin Code:

4. Main focus area of the organization (✓ Mark the appropriate box.)

Forestry

Wildlife

Environment

Animal welfare

Ecology

Rural Development

Other (specify)

5. What types of contributions are being made by your organisation? (✓ Mark the appropriate box.)

Policy formulation

Prog. Implementation

Awareness building

Research

Education & Training

Extension

Watchdog

Other (specify)

6. Geographical area of operation (✓ Mark the appropriate box.)

North India

South India

Central India

West India

East India

NE India

India

7. Details of the assets (Approximately):

Savings: Rs.	Other assets (Rs. equivalence)
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B. GENERAL INFORMATION

8. Do you get sufficient fund to support organization's activities? (✓ *Mark the appropriate box.*)
Sufficient Not-sufficient
9. Do existing policies of the government create problems in receiving fund from government, private and other international agencies? (✓ *Mark the appropriate box.*)
Yes No

If yes, how it affects? Give three reasons-

- i.
- ii.
- iii.

Give three suggestions for improvement.

- i.
- ii.
- iii.

10. Please state the amount received from different sources in the last five years.

A: National funding (✓ *Mark the appropriate box.*)

- Government Rs.....
Private Rs.

B. International (✓ *Mark the appropriate box.*)

- Bi-lateral Rs/US\$.....
Multilateral Rs/US\$.....
UN Agencies Rs./US\$.....
Private/NGO Rs./US\$.....

11. Do you think that there are enough NGOs working in the forestry sector in the following areas? (✓ *Mark the appropriate box.*)

- a) Urban areas Yes No
b) Rural areas Yes No

12. If your answer is 'no' then please state the possible reasons

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.
- v.

13. Do you think that you have been able to achieve the objectives of your organisation?

(✓ *Mark the appropriate box.*)

- Yes Partly Yes No You have a mixed reaction.

Can't say anything.

14. If your answer is not 'yes' then please state reasons for the non-achievement.

i.

ii.

iii.

iv.

v.

15. How effective is your relationships with the forest departments? (✓ Mark the appropriate box.)

Very Effective

Effective

Moderate

Not at all Effective

Don't know

16. If your answer is not 'Very effective' or 'effective' then please list important reasons.

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

17. In your opinion, how the relationships could be made effective?

a)

b)

c)

d)

C. QUESTIONS ON FOREST POLICY

18. Are you aware of the forest policies of the Government (Tick the appropriate)

(i) Yes

(ii) Partly Yes

(iii) No

19. If you are aware or partly aware of the forest policies of the Government, then please express your opinion about them (Tick the appropriate)

(i) You like them

(ii) You dislike them

(iii) You have a mixed reaction

(iv) Can't say anything

20. In case you like the forest policies of the Government, enumerate not more than five reasons of your liking (Please write down below)

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-
- 5-

21. In case you dislike the forest policies of the Government, enumerate not more than five reasons of your disliking (Please write down below)

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-
- 5-

22. In case you have a mixed reaction to the forest policies of the Government then please enumerate not more than three points each of likes and dislikes (Please write down below)

Likes

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-

Dislikes

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-

23. Do you think that the present forest policies of the Government are providing services (good for ecology, economic benefit, social upliftment, economic upliftment) to the society (Tick the appropriate)

- (a) Yes
- (b) Partly yes
- (c) No
- (c) Can't say

24. If you think that the present forest policies of the Government are not good in providing services to the society then please suggest various steps you think the Government should take in making a shift in its policy (enumerate all steps)

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)

Add more numbers, as necessary (May include a separate page)

25. What is your opinion about peoples participation in the management of forests through Joint Forest Management, Ecodevelopment, Forest Panchayats, Forest Protection Committees etc. (Tick in appropriate box)

Type of Committee	Opinion				
	Working very well	Working well	Just Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Totally ineffective
Joint Forest Management					
Ecodevelopment					
Forest Panchayat					
Forest Protection					
Others (Please specify)					

26. Has there been empowerment of the people through their involvement in Forest Management (Tick the appropriate)

- (i) Yes
- (ii) Partly yes
- (iii) No
- (iv) Can't say

27. Do the JFM framework provides for well-defined role for the NGOs?

- (i) Yes
- (ii) Partly yes
- (iii) No
- (iv) Can't say

28. Has there been increase in income generation of the people through their involvement in Forest Management (Tick the appropriate)

- (i) Yes
- (ii) Partly yes
- (iii) No
- (iv) Can't say

29. Has there been increase in the availability of forest produce to .the people through their involvement in Forest Management (Tick the appropriate)

- (i) Yes
- (ii) Partly yes
- (iii) No
- (iv) Can't say

30. Has there been an increase in forest cover in your State / UT (Tick the appropriate)

- (i) Yes
- (ii) No
- (iii) Can't say

37. Give suggestions for encouraging participation of NGO as well as local resident in decision making process of the sector:

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.
- v.

38. Any other views you may like to express about the forest policies of Central /State/UT Governments

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)
- (v)

D. QUESTIONS ON LEGAL FRAMEWORK

39. What is your opinion about Forest Laws /Rules(Tick the appropriate)

Name of law	Useful	Not useful	Mixed feeling	Cant say
Indian/State Forest Act 1927/xx				
Wildlife Protection Act, 1972				
Forest Conservation Act, 1980				
Regulations on felling of trees on private land				
Transit of Forest Produce Rules				

40. If you find existing forest laws not useful or have a mixed feeling then give your suggestion for the changes you would like to be made in them (Name the law first and then suggest changes in each of them) Add additional pages as necessary.

Name of the Law	Changes suggested		
	Number	Suggested change	Reasoning for suggestion

E. QUESTIONS ON WILDLIFE MATTERS

41. Do you agree that shrinkage of the habitat of wild animals has given rise to man animal conflicts (Tick appropriate)

Yes / No

42. Do you agree with the policy of the Government to establish wildlife national parks and sanctuaries to provide habitat and protection to wild animals (Tick appropriate)
Yes / No
43. Do you agree that creation of national parks and sanctuaries has adversely affected the enjoyment of rights and privileges by the people (Tick appropriate)
Yes / No
44. What are your suggestions for the policy of national parks and sanctuaries (Name any five below)
- (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)
45. What are your suggestions for providing adequate protection to wild animals (Name any five below)
- (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)
46. What are your suggestions for man animal conflicts like damage to life and property by elephants, panthers, wild boars and monkeys in particular (Name any five below)
- (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (iv)
 - (v)

F. QUESTIONS ON MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Above questionnaire has been designed to elicit the views of the stakeholder related to the terms of reference of the Commission. Effort has been made to make the questionnaire self contained as well as simple. It might not cover some of the areas on which you would like to provide your views. Commission will welcome your views on any issue related to the TOR. Please use extra sheet for this purpose. We would appreciate brief and to the point opinion as it would help us in compilation.