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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment and Forests**

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In supersession of all previous orders on the subject and in exercise of the powers under Rule 3 of the Government of India (Transaction of Business Rules) 1961, the Minister for Environment and Forests has decided that with immediate effect, the Minister of State for Environment and Forests will deal with the following items of work:

1. National Environment Policy and environmental legislation.
2. Administration of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
3. Administration of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977.
4. Administration of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
5. Administration of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and Plan schemes and other matters (inc. CITES and multilateral agreements/negotiations) concerning Wildlife Management/Crime. However, MEF will continue to Chair the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife.
6. Administration of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and Plan schemes/other matters concerned with Animal Welfare.
7. Various Awards of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
8. Administration of Training Institutions for IFS, SFS Officers, and Institute of Forestry Management, Bhopal (excluding ICFRE institutions).
9. Administration of Botanical and Zoological Survey of India, National Museum of National History; Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
10. Management of Hazardous Substances (inc. implementation of Basel Convention).
11. Research Division, Environmental Education, Environmental Information, Committees set up by Supreme Court, Legal Cell, Trade and Environment Issues, General Administration (logistics), e-Governance.
12. Unstarred Parliament Questions, Parliamentary Assurances and Special mentions in RS and matters under Rule 377 in LS.
13. Hindi Language Implementation Programmes.

14. Modern Fire Fighting Methods.
15. Any other item of work which MEF may assign from time to time

In respect of the above allocation, any matters involving major policy or legal implications should be referred to MEF.

**(Veena Upadhyaya)**  
Joint Secretary(Cons-I)  
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- (i) PS to Prime Minister/PS to MEF/PS to MoS
- (ii) PPS to Cabinet Secretary (E&F)
- (iii) PPS to Secretary (E&F)
- (iv) DGF & Special Secretary (E&F)
- (v) All Additional Secretaries/Additional DGFs/Joint Secretaries/IGFs/Advisors in the MoE&F