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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS
Aranya Bhawan, Block LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata-700 098

No.4140- For

Kolkata, the 2nd December, 2016

NOTIFICATION

In exercise the power conferred by Para 3 of the Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Guidelines, 2016 framed by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change according to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 10.05.2015 and in suppression of this Department's notification issued previously in this respect, the Governor is pleased to reconstitute **the State Level Committee** with the following officers, with effect from the date of issue of this notification and until further order(s).

a)	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, West Bengal	Chairperson
b)	A representative of the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Eastern Zone, Bhubaneswar nominated by MoEF & CC	Member
c)	Director / Additional Director of Department of Industries	Member
d)	Chief Conservator of Forests, Head Quarter	Member
e)	General Manager, Headquarter, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation	Member
f)	Chief Conservator of Forests, Western Circle	Member
g)	Conservator of Forests, Administration, Publicity and Marketing	Member – Secretary

Special Invitee: As per Para 3(vi) the State Level Committee will invite one representative of the industry nominated by the saw mill association as a special invitee to each and every meeting of the State Level Committee.

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The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Legal will assist the committee in its day to day functioning.

The power and functions of the State Level Committee is as follows:

1. Assess the availability of timber for wood based industrial units in the State/UT every five years.
2. Assess quantity of different raw material requirement for wood based industrial units which may be sustainably harvested from trees outside forest areas in the State/ U.T.
3. Assess annual requirement of timber and other forest produce in the domestic markets in the State.
4. Maintain a database of timber and other raw materials utilized by each wood based industrial unit permitted to establish and operate in the State/UT during each financial year.
5. Approve appropriate locations for setting up of wood based industrial units.
6. Approve the name of wood based industrial units which may be considered for grant of fresh license or enhancement of the existing licensed capacity in case the committee is satisfied that timber is available legally for the said new Wood Based Industries (such as Trees outside forest, Forests etc.)
7. The State Level Committee will ensure that the amount lying with the respective State Forest Departments (recovered from Wood Based Industries) will be utilized for the purpose of afforestation only.
8. Examine and make appropriate recommendations on any other matter referred by the State Government or the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
9. Approve the renewal and revocation of the already exiting license to a Wood Based Industry.
10. Approve the transfer of the license on sale / succession etc.
11. Any other function mentioned in the guideline.

By Order of the Governor,

Sd/-

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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