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**OFFICER ORDER**

**Subject : Setting up of Forest Research Institutes of I.C.F.R.E.**

In continuation of this Department's Office Order No. 15-48/86-RT dated 31.12.1986 regarding establishment of ICFRE, it has been decided that the FRI, Dehradun will be a National Centre of Excellence in this field, and five more Institutes will be set up. These institutes would specialize in the areas shown against each.

**1. National Institute of Arid Zone Research, ( Jodhpur)**

Will be set up at Jodhpur and would specialize in:-

- i) Desert afforestation with considerable emphasis on community forestry and fodder.
- ii) Problems of saline and alkaline lands.
- iii) Aravalli Hills eco-restoration.
- iv) Agri-Silvi-Pastoral techniques and
- v) Natural Regeneration of Forests.

**2. Institute of Wood Science and Technology ( Bangalore)**

Will be set up at Bangalore and would specialize in :-

- i) Wood substitution
- ii) Economy in use of wood, including wood energy applications.
- iii) Seasoning and preservation of wood and
- iv) Mechanical and Chemical properties of wood and other forest products.

**3. Institute of Genetics and Tree Breeding ( Coimbatore)**

Will be set up at Coimbatore and would specialize in:-

- i) Natural and vegetative propagation methods including tissue culture
- ii) Genetic improvement of species
- iii) Mass afforestation techniques
- iv) Medicinal plants and their propagation and
- v) Coastal afforestation

#### 4. **Institute of Northern Peninsular Deciduous Forests (Jabalpur)**

Will be set up at Jabalpur to take care of research needs of the Northern and North-eastern peninsular regions and would specialize in :-

- i) Ecology and Silviculture of peninsular Sal, Teak and mixed forests, with emphasis on natural regeneration and fodder.
- ii) Community participation in forest conservation practices.
- iii) Assessment of the impact of development projects on forest conservation.
- iv) Minor Forest Produce like gums, tendu leaf, oil-seeds of forest origin, tussar and
- v) Plantation on mined over areas.

#### 5. **Institute of North Eastern Moist and Wet Evergreen Forests (Jorhat)**

Will be set up at Jorhat in Upper Assam and would specialize in :-

- i) Conservation of forest ecosystem with emphasis on natural regeneration.
- ii) Control of shifting cultivation.
- iii) Management of community forests.
- iv) Planting practices for eco-restoration and
- v) Mangrove, bamboos and canes.

#### 6. **Forest Research Institute, Dehradun**

The Institute at Dehradun would be the National Centre of excellence. It would specialize in the research needs of Himalayan Region and alluvial tracts of the Gangetic plain. Research needs in logging and lac would also be taken care of by the Institute. The existing centres at Shimla and Ranchi would be further developed. The Institute would specialize in the following areas:-

- i) Himalayan and Sub Himalayan forest ecosystems with emphasis on natural regeneration.
- ii) Preservation of landslides through vegetation.
- iii) Management of alpine pasture and cold-desert areas.
- iv) Community forestry techniques in hills and alluvial plains.
- v) Properties of wood of Himalayan species.
- vi) Conservation of watersheds, and
- vii) Resin

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