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Sub.: Tentative budget estimate for execution of readiness activities for implementation of REDD+ in India - reg.

Ref.: Your email dated 19 June 2019 on the subject quoted above

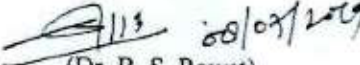
Sir,

With reference to above, tentative budget estimate for execution of readiness activities for implementation of REDD+ in India is as under:

S. No.	Activities for implementation of REDD+	Budget Estimates (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Development of Safeguard Information System for REDD+ through stakeholder consultation processes	36.40
	Capacity building of State Forest Departments for developing State REDD+ Action Plans under National REDD+ Strategy (This activity has been incorporated in the scheme on Strengthening of Forestry Research for Ecological Sustainability and Productivity Enhancement under CAF Act 2016, Scheme has been recommended by the Executive Committee of Adhoc CAMPA and shall be implemented after formal approval of the Govt. of India)	120.06
3.	Development of REDD+ learning and knowledge sharing platform, web-based SIS module and networking of relevant stakeholders	30.00
4.	Capacity building of the stakeholders on various aspects of REDD+ including safeguards at regional level	40.00
5.	Development of National Forest Monitoring System (to be developed by FSJ)	-
6.	Capacity building of the stakeholders on REDD+ Measurement Reporting and Verification (MRV) (to be done by FSJ)	-
7.	Preparation of State REDD+ Action Plans for implementation of National REDD+ Strategy at states level (to be developed by State REDD+ Cells)	-

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
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**Note No. #1**

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Sub: Development of a country-specific Safeguard Information System (SIS) for ensuring safeguards principles throughout implementation of the REDD+ activities-regarding

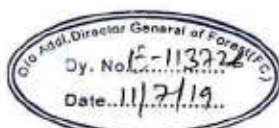
"Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries (REDD)" was introduced in UNFCCC as a climate change mitigation option to address the emission from deforestation and forest degradation in 2005. Later the concept of "*forest conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries*" was added and the concept is now collectively referred as 'REDD+'.

2. The COP decision (Decision 1.CP/16) requires developing countries aiming to undertake REDD+ activities to develop following broad elements:

- (a) A national REDD+ strategy or action plan,
- (b) A national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level (FREL/FRL),
- (c) A robust and transparent National Forest Monitoring System (NMRV) for the monitoring and reporting of the REDD+ activities
- (d) A Safeguard Information System (SIS) for providing information on how the safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of the REDD+ activities, while respecting sovereignty.

3. Accordingly Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India initiated the preparation of National REDD+ Strategy and Indian Council of Forestry, Education and Research (ICFRE) was mandated by the Ministry to look into the technical aspects of REDD+ activities in September 2017. The draft of National REDD+ Strategy of India prepared by Expert Committee constituted by Director General, ICFRE was approved on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. The National REDD+ Strategy was released on 30.06.2018 ([page 13/corr](#)).

4. Further it is submitted that development of National FRL was entrusted to FSI, Dehradun. Based on submission by FSI, Forest Policy



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Division submitted the FRL to Climate Change Division for onward submission of the same at UNFCCC. The same was submitted to UNFCCC on 08.01.2018. The submission has indicated the historical period for construction of the FRL as year 2000-2008. The document proposes "National Reference Level" for the activity of "sustainable management of forest". As per the document, India's FRL for the period 2000-2008 is **-49.70 million tonnes (CO2 equivalent), which indicates that India has a net carbon sink.** The FRL submitted to UNFCCC is under technical appraisal(TA). Editors at UNFCCC have undertaken a final proof reading of the draft TA report for India's FRL as part of standard UNFCCC editing procedures. The final version of the TA report, which is scheduled to go for publication next week may be seen at page 1-12/corr.

5. A major element of REDD+ is to develop Safeguard Information System. As per COP Decision 12/CP.17 systems for providing information on how the safeguards are addressed and respected should be country driven, implemented at the national level. Additionally, COP in Durban vide its decision 12/CP.17 prescribed that each Party is required to submit "a summary of information on how all the agreed safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout the implementation of the REDD+ activities".

6. National REDD+ Strategy of India requires a Safeguard Information System based on Cancun safeguard principles. Since ICFRE has experience of preparing National REDD+ Strategy of India, this institute can be entrusted with responsibility of developing Safeguard Information System in three months. In this regard, a proposal from ICFRE has been received for developing REDD+ safeguard System for India. The proposal may be seen at pg 92/corr.

7. ICFRE has sought the financial assistance of ₹36.40 lakh only from MoEF&CC for developing REDD+ SIS of India under institutionalization of of dealing the technical aspects of REDD+ implementation in India and for execution of Regional REDD+ Capacity Building Programme. The proposal in detailed may be seen at page 92-98/corr.

8. It is submitted that earlier this proposal was sent to CC Division after obtaining the approval of Secretary, EF&CC for financial assistance to ICFRE under appropriate budget head of CC Division. This may be seen at page 86-91/corr.

9. In view of above, approval of Secretary, EF&CC may kindly be solicited for entrusting the work of developing SIS of India for REDD+ and capacity building program on REDD+ to ICFRE, Dehradun. Further in-principle approval of Secretary, EF&CC may also be solicited for providing the financial assistance to ICFRE under the budget head of CC Division.

Submitted for consideration please.