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P.III Section

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ORDER

Subject : Constitution of an expert group under the Chairmanship of Dr. K Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission to look into the scientific functions of this Ministry with a view to strengthen the science & technology base – reg.

It has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority, to constitute an expert group, with the following composition, to look into the scientific functions of this Ministry and action to be initiated to strengthen it.

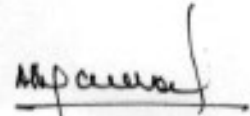
01.	Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Member, Planning Commission	-	Chairman
02.	Dr. Kalpana Balakrishnan, Professor, Environmental Health Engineering, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai	-	Member
03.	Dr. Chandra Venkataraman, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT, Mumbai	-	Member
04.	Dr. Deepak Pental, Vice Chancellor, Delhi University	-	Member
05.	Shri. Vishwanath Anand, Retired Secretary, MoEF	-	Member
06.	Dr. Swati A. Piramal, Vice Chairperson, Piramal Healthcare Life Sciences Ltd. , Mumbai	-	Member
07.	Shri. M.F. Farooqui, Additional Secretary, MoEF	-	Convener

2. The broad terms of reference of the said committee are as under :

- (i) The feasibility and desirability of establishing an All India Service for environmental sciences to bring together the best possible talent within the country.
- (ii) To examine whether the existing institutions focusing on environment are having enough capacity to meet the challenges of the future and suggest possible ways of strengthening them and also of establishing new institutions and public-private partnerships.

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- (iii) Identify institutions which can specifically work on new technologies for pollution mitigation and abatement.
 - (iv) To assess the scientific manpower requirements of the Ministry.
 - (v) Advise the Ministry on modifications needed in the service conditions of the scientists in order to get best scientific research from them.
 - (vi) To assess need for trainings, research programmes – both national and international – to upgrade the skills of scientific manpower in the Ministry.
 - (vii) Suggest ways to evaluate the performance of scientific institutions and to create accountability for public causes.
 - (viii) Suggest initiatives which will foster scientific excellence in the Ministry
3. TA/DA to the non-official members of the Consultative Group will be borne by the Ministry of Environment & Forests as per the prevailing Government of India rules on the subject.
4. The expert group shall submit its report in the course of next three (03) months from the date of its first meeting.



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