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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Re-constitution of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAG) for the implementation and monitoring of National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)-reg.

In supersession to this Ministry's Office Memorandum No. 05/06/2015-CS-I (Pt.III), dated 28.02.2019, the STAG is re-constituted with the following composition:

S#	Member	Expert/Representation	Designation
1	Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC		Chair
2	Representative of Department of Science & Technology	Representative of Ministry/Department	Member
3	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region	Govt. of India	
4	Chief Secretary or his representative not below the rank of Principal Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh	Representative of State/UT from Indian Himalayan Region	Member
5	Chief Secretary or his representative not below the rank of Principal Secretary of Assam		
6	Chief Secretary or his representative not below the rank of Principal Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir		
7	Chief Secretary or his representative not below the rank of Principal Secretary of Tripura		
8	Dr. R.K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Mohali, Punjab (Biological Science)	Representative of academic institution/ university and expert	Member
9	Prof. R.M. Pant, Vice-Chancellor, Assam University (Social Sciences)		
10	Dr. J.K. Bisht, Head & Principal Scientist, ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora (Agriculture Science)		
11	Prof. V.K. Minocha, Professor, Environmental Engineering, Delhi Technological University (Environmental Sciences)		
12	Dr. J.K. Garg, Director, Tribhuvan College of Environment and Development Sciences, Rajasthan (Wetlands, GIS, Impact of Infrastructure Development)		
13	Representative of World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), India	NGO Representative	Member

14	Joint Secretary/ Adviser, CS-I (Mountain) Division, MoEF&CC	MoEF&CC Representative	Member
15	Er. Kireet Kumar, Sci-G & Nodal Officer, NMHS-PMU, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNIHE)	GBPNIHE Representative	Member
16	Director/DS/AD/JD, CS-I (Mountain) Division, MoEF&CC	Convener NMHS	Member Secretary

2. The Terms of Reference of STAG are as below:

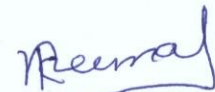
- i. Provide scientific and technical guidance for assessing project proposals, invite studies as well as suo-moto develop studies;
- ii. Recommend site specific targeted pilot projects;
- iii. Appraise and recommend case study proposals ensuring multi-disciplinary and cross-sectional integration;
- iv. Advice study teams on assessment frameworks and methodologies for conducting studies;
- v. Review progress of the studies on a periodic basis and recommend necessary mid-course corrective options;
- vi. Provide scientific and technical expert advice and recommendations to the Project Steering Committee; and
- vii. Advice the Project Management Team on stakeholder engagement and capacity development areas.

3. The tenure of the Committee will expire with the NMHS.

4. The Committee shall meet as frequently as the members may decide.

5. The Committee would be free to co-opt any additional expert members as per requirement to provide guidance on specific issues with the approval of the Chair.

6. The non-official members of the Committee shall be entitled for travelling and all other allowances as applicable, as per GoI rules.



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To,

All the STAG Members.

Copy for information to:

- i. PSO to Secretary (EF&CC).
- ii. PS to JS (NP), MoEF&CC.
- iii. PS to Director, GBPNIHE, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora, Uttarakhand-263643.
- iv. NMHS-PMU, GBPNIHE, Kosi-Katarmal, Almora, Uttarakhand-263643.