



**Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education**  
(An autonomous Body of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)  
P.O. New Forest, Dehra Dun – 248006

**Notice calling for EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for carrying out Studies for  
Centre For Forest Policy Research**

ICFRE invites expression of interest from prospective Individuals/Organizations/NGOs for undertaking Policy Research Studies on 03 areas/topics. The Individuals/Organizations/NGOs may opt for one or more policy research studies based on their expertise and submit proposals. The details of Policy Research Studies on the 03 subjects alongwith format for submission of proposal, Terms of Reference (ToR) is available at ICFRE website [www.icfre.org](http://www.icfre.org). The application in prescribed format should be accompanied with a Demand Draft for Rs. 500/- drawn in favor of Account Officer, Policy Research Studies, ICFRE and should be delivered at the address below **latest by 15.30 hrs on 15-06-2022**.

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## भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद्

(पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार की एक स्वायत्त संस्था )

डाकघर – न्यू फारेस्ट, देहरादून – 248 006

### सेंटर फॉर फॉरेस्ट पालिसी रिसर्च के लिए अध्ययन कराने हेतु रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति संबंधी सूचना

भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान संस्थान एवं शिक्षा परिषद्, देहरादून, 03 क्षेत्रों/विषयों पर नीति अनुसंधान अध्ययन करने के लिए व्यक्तियों/संगठनों/गैर-सरकारी संगठनों से रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति आमंत्रित करता है। व्यक्ति/संगठन/गैर-सरकारी संगठन अपनी विशेषज्ञता के आधार पर एक या एक से अधिक नीति अनुसंधान अध्ययन का विकल्प चुन सकते हैं और प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। 03 क्षेत्रों/विषयों के लिए नीति अनुसंधान अध्ययन प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत करने हेतु प्रारूप, विचारार्थ विषय (ToR) भा0वा0अ0शि0प0 की वेबसाइट [www.icfre.org](http://www.icfre.org) पर उपलब्ध है। आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने हेतु प्रस्ताव निर्धारित प्रारूप में रु.500/- (रूपये पांच सौ मात्र) के डिमांड ड्राफ्ट के साथ Account Officer, Policy Research Studies, ICFRE के पक्ष में देय होना चाहिए जो कि दिनांक 15.06.2022 को अपराह्न 03:30 बजे तक निम्नवत पते पर भेजा जा सकता है :

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## Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education

### Call for Proposal for Policy Research Studies from Individuals /Agencies/ Institutions/ Organizations/ NGOs.

The Centre for Forest Policy Research, Indian Council for Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun invites proposals from Individuals /agencies/ Institutions/ Organizations/ NGOs for undertaking forest policy research studies on the following topics :-

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of privately owned forests for non forestry uses</b></p> <p>Deemed forests are owned privately by many individuals which vary in extent from small holdings to large areas. Even small patches of land because of being continuous with lands quality the criteria of deemed forests prescribed by Government of India. There is no separate policy for the bonafide usage/diversion of these lands and are governed by the FCA guidelines applicable to other cases. People allege that they are being punished for the following reasons (i) There are many who have changed the land use before 1980 and have had benefits while those who have protected these forests till now are put to disadvantage (ii) Even if a portion of land has to be utilized for bona fide purposes like houses, alternate revenue land for compensatory afforestation has to be transferred to the Forest Department (iii) The cost of raising compensatory afforestation and the net present value (iv)The procedures for approval under this act both for stage (I) &amp; stage (II) are very cumbersome .</p> <p><b>Terms of Reference</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) To assess the extent of forest areas under the category of privately owned forests in the country and to analyze the demand of the individuals owning private deemed forests for bonafide/other uses.</li><li>2) Analyse the provisions of the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 which are in conflict with these land use requirements.</li><li>3) Analysis of the studies conducted earlier including the recommendations prescribed</li><li>4) Recommendations regarding the demands and proposed amendment of the acts/rules/procedures required for conservation of such forest areas commensurate</li></ol>
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	<p>with meeting demands of private forest areas.</p> <p>5) To recommend the incentives to the forest owners keeping in view the practices in other countries and on par with the acquiring of other lands for public utility within the country.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Public private partnerships in a broad perspective in forestry involving various sections of the society</b></p> <p>Public private partnerships have been successful in many areas like infrastructure development and the same is being advocated in some of the areas of the management of forests. The goals of the National Forest Policy in achieving the desired forest cover has shifted the focus to non forest lands. The factors like huge demand and supply gap for wood and wood products, need for augmenting resources in the forestry sector, forest degradation, potential of the private players for contribution in forestry sector, livelihood opportunities and employment, etc., have necessitated the need for considering the public-private partnership in the forestry sector. Apart from the industrial sector which is emerging as promoter for tree cultivation for their industrial needs, the farmers and the communities are the other important stakeholders in such partnerships. The dimensions of PPP is required to be studied in a holistic manner regarding areas of partnership, terms and conditions of the contract , advantages and risks , etc .,</p> <p><b>Terms of Reference</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) To assess the public private partnerships and contribution of various sections of the society in forestry sector in the country.</li> <li>(2) To analyze the policies and instruments which aid/restrict in the public private partnerships in the forestry sector.</li> <li>(3) To study the PPP models in a holistic manner on areas of partnership, terms and conditions of the contract , advantages and risks , etc.,</li> <li>(4) To suggest appropriate modes of partnerships for different forestry activities with various sections of society.</li> <li>(5) To suggest policy changes for promotion of public private partnerships in forestry sector.</li> </ol>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Augmenting resources including innovative means of fund raising for achieving the targets enshrined in various policy documents. Review of the existing schemes and formulation of new ones with self financing capacity.</b></p> <p>The Government of India in its Nationally Determined Commitments (NDC) to the</p>

	<p>UNFCCC committed to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030. Analysis of the present schemes and funding, gaps if any for achieving these targets are required to be done. The existing schemes presently implemented by the Government of India are also required to be reviewed to suggest additional schemes in the sectors not being addressed by the present ones, merging of the schemes or their revamping. The formulation of schemes with self financing capability also is required to be explored to augment the resources for achieving the national targets/goals.</p>
	<p><b><u>Terms and Reference</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To analyse the existing schemes by the Central and State Governments implemented by MoEF &amp; CC and other ministries and assess the contribution in creation of forest and tree cover along with the funding.</li> <li>2) To recommend additional schemes and revamping of existing schemes together with innovative fund raising to augment the implementation of the schemes.</li> <li>3) To suggest schemes in the sectors not being addressed by the present ones wherever required.</li> <li>4) To formulate schemes with self financing capability to augment the resources for achieving the national goals/targets.</li> </ol>

**Eligibility criteria:**

- 1) Recognized Universities/organizations/agencies/ NGOs and individuals are eligible.
- 2) The institutions/organizations/individuals should have necessary research expertise in concerned/related field.
- 3) All the research proposals should be submitted in the format prescribed at **Annexure I**.
- 4) In case of organizations, one principal investigator should be nominated by the institution, who should have previous work/research experience in the subject/related issues.
- 5) The proposal for each of the research project should be submitted separately.
- 6) One project investigator will be assigned only one project.
- 7) Only Indian nationals can be nominated/engaged as principal investigator and other team members.

## **Project period**

- 1) The duration of the research projects shall ordinarily be for six months and will not exceed more than one year. The time period of the projects proposed should be adequately justified in the proposal.
- 2) The projects should be completed within the stipulated time and no extension shall ordinarily be granted, except in exceptional circumstances by DG, ICFRE.
- 3) Any extension of time period granted would be without any additional financial implications.

## **Approval of project proposals and release of funds**

- 1) The ICFRE will evaluate the research proposals submitted with regard to the terms of reference, methodology, time frame, manpower requirement, budget the expertise of the principal investigator and others etc.
- 2) The recommendations made by ICFRE in the ToR, methodology, time frame, budget, manpower etc. will be incorporated in the project proposal.
- 3) The ICFRE may also invite the Project Investigator for presentation on the project wherever necessary. No TA/DA shall be paid for the visit.
- 4) The other terms and conditions prescribed by the ICFRE will be binding on the institution and Project investigator.
- 5) The institution/individual concerned will execute on agreement for executing the project prior to the commencement.
- 6) The funding for the project will include remuneration for the staff, travel, stationery and printing, contingency expenses, overhead expenses and any other items specified and approved by ICFRE.
- 7) The suggestions of ICFRE during the execution of the project at any stage will be incorporated.
- 8) The funds will be released in three installments. The first installment (30%) will be released after approval and signing of agreement with the institution/individual. The second installment (40%) will be released after the mid-term review and submission of required progress report and utilization certificate. The third and final installment (30%) will be released after the submission of the final report.
- 9) The taxes applicable from time to time will be debited from the payments made.

- 10) In case of organizations, the head of organization/institute shall be responsible for the disbursement and administration of the funds.

### **Submission of the proposals**

- 1) The project proposal will be submitted in 2 hard copies in the prescribed format with all enclosures in an envelope marked “Call for project proposal, under Policy Research study (Name of the study) and sent to:  
The Assistant Director General (Education and RB)  
Directorate of Education,  
Indian Council of Forest Research and Education,  
P.O. New Forest, Dehradun – 248006
- 2) The research proposal should reach the ICFRE (HQ) in hard copy by 15-06-2022. The proposals received after the last date will not be considered.
- 3) For any queries /clarification, please contact:  
The Assistant Director General (Education and RB)  
Directorate of Education, ICFRE (HQ),  
P.O. New Forest, Dehradun – 248006  
Tel – 0135-222-4850, 0135-2758348 FAX – 2758571  
e-mail: [adg\\_edu@icfre.org](mailto:adg_edu@icfre.org)

### **Submission of reports**

- 1) The principal investigator will submit a quarterly progress report in the prescribed format.
- 2) Five hard bound copies of the final report will be submitted after the approval of the draft report by ICFRE. The final project report will include introduction, review of literature, objectives, methodology adopted, findings of the projects, results and discussion, recommendations, review of literature, photographs and executive summary along with other documents and annexures collected/analyzed during the study.

### **Other conditions**

- 1) The project work will not be diverted to another institution/individual.
- 2) The research report will be the property of ICFRE and no publication based on the study will be done without the prior approval of ICFRE.
- 3) All legal action shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Dehradun based courts only.

- 4) ICFRE reserves the right to terminate the research project and the grant at any stage during the study if adequate progress has not been made or funds are not utilized properly.
- 5) In case of termination of project due to inadequate progress, non-completion within time frame, non adherence of any conditions prescribed, the organization/individual is liable to refund the entire amount granted along with interest.

**Format for submission of proposal**

1. Title of Policy Research Study:
  
2. Details of the organization/Individual:
  - Name:
  - Address:
  - City:
  - Pin code:
  - State:
  - Phone No. (Landline & mobile):
  - Email:
  
3. Details of the principal Investigator(s) (designated by organizations and individual applicants.  
The details of other co investigator/members , if any, also to be given ):
  - i. Name:
  - ii. Designation:
  - iii. Age:
  - iv. Gender:
  - v. Address: (i) Permanent  
(ii) official/ mailing
  - vi. Phone No. (Landline & mobile):
  - vii. Email:
  - viii. Qualifications :
  - ix. Research works in the subject/related subjects in the last 10 years :
  - x. Papers Published :
  - xi. Current assignments :
  
4. Details of the Co-PIs/members, if any (All details as in sl.no 4 to be given)
  
5. Duration (in months) of proposed study (from the date of the release of first installment):

## 6. Research Proposal :

The research proposal will include the following chapters

- (i) Introduction/Background (2 pages)
- (ii) Review of Literature (in 3-4 pages)
- (iii) Objectives/ToR of the research study
- (iv) Detailed methodology
- (v) Time schedule of activities
- (vi) Budget estimate with justification

Items	Budget (Quarter wise) (in Rupees)				
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Total
1.Salaries/wages/remuneration					
2. Travel					
3. Other costs (Please specify and provide justification)					
<b>Total</b>					

## 7. Summary

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### Criteria for Technical Evaluation of Consultant/Individual/Organization

SN	Name of the consultant/ individual/ organization	Demonstrable expertise in Policy Research Study and Evaluation of Schemes in forestry sector  (20 Marks)	Experience in Forest Management and Forestry Research  (20 Marks)	Team leaders qualification and experience in the relevant field  (20 Marks)	Team member qualification and experience in the relevant field  (10 Marks)	Budget  (30 Marks)

