No: 12026/02/2026-IFS-I [E- 311076]
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(IFS-I Section)
****

6th Floor, Prithvi Wing,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi -110 003.
Dated: 13th October, 2026

To

The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators,
All State Governments/ Union Territories

Subject : First Vacancy Circular for inviting nominations of Indian Forest Service officers for the appointment to the posts at various levels on tenure deputation basis under the Central Staffing Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Vacancy Year: 2027) – regarding..

Sir/ Madam,

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as 'Ministry') invites nominations of eligible and willing Indian Forest Service officers for appointment in the posts in various Ministries and Organisation etc. in Government of India at the level of ADGF/ DDGF /IGF /DIGF/ AIGF, to prepare "OFFER LIST" for the vacancy year 2027, under the Central Staffing Scheme of the Ministry Environment, Forest and Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as 'Scheme') dated 06.05.2011, which is available on website https://www.ifs.nic.in (or) https://moef.gov.in/ifs.

2. As far as the eligibility of batches vis-a-vis the minimum years of service is concerned, it has been decided to invite the applications from willing IFS officers who are eligible as per the conditions laid down in Scheme of the Ministry.

3. The minimum years of service, for the respective posts will be with reference to 01.01.2027 and the minimum year of service left before superannuation (wherever applicable) will be counted from 01.01.2027.

4. It may kindly be ensured that the names of only those officers are sponsored who have completed their "cooling off" period. An officer, who has previously been on deputation, will be considered again for deputation only if the officer has completed the mandatory "cooling off" period as per extant guidelines.

5. The officers may indicate their preferences for three station in their order of priority (in column 3 of Annexure-I) of the application where they would like to be posted. However, actual appointments will be subject to availability and suitability of the officers for the post at any particular station.

6. In addition to above, as per provisions of Scheme, in exceptional cases, where sufficient number of IFS officers are not available for the appointment to specific posts, the officers borne on the State Forest Service (SFS) whose names are included in the 'Select List' referred to in Regulation 7(3) of the IFS (Appointment by Promotion) Regulations, 1966, shall also be considered for selection for appointment. In case of posts in the North Eastern Region, the SFS officers who are yet to be included in the 'Select List' referred to above, shall also be considered.

Phalguni 13/10/26

7. If the officer selected for appointment fails to take up the central deputation assignment after the appointment is approved, he/ she will attract debarment of five years from central deputation in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Scheme.

8. Last date of receipt of complete application: The application, complete in all respects as per **Annexure-I** (Part I, II and III available on the website https://www.ifs.nic.in (or) https://moef.gov.in/ifs for different level posts), vigilance clearance, duly attested APARs (in accordance with the Scheme) and concurrence of the State Government/ Concerned Administrative Ministries where the officer is already on deputation, should be sent on **email id: ifs@nic.in** latest by **01.12.2026**. It may also be ensured that the correct and **updated Executive Record Sheet (blank copy enclosed) of the applicant is also attached along with the application.**

9. Application received without the consent of the concerned State/ UT Government and/ or after the last date of receipt of applications will not be entertained.

10. The table showing the number of existing/ expected vacancies at different level and stations is placed at **Annexure-II**. However, number of vacancies and stations are tentative and may change at any time without any prior intimation. The selection will be based on actual vacancy positions available as per the administrative and technical requirement.

11. A checklist of documents to be submitted including the application in due format, has been given at **Annexure – III**.

12. The applications for the vacant posts of NTCA at Delhi, Nagpur, Bangalore, Guwahati need additional requirements which are given at **Annexure-IV**.

13. In most of the State/ Joint cadres, the Central Deputation Reserve (CDR) is highly under utilized. Therefore, the State Governments are requested to nominate sufficient number of IFS officers to apply against this vacancy circular.

Phalguni 13/10/26

(Phalguni Banerjee)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tele. No.: 011 - 2081 9192

Copy to:

1. All Principal Chief Conservators of Forests (HoFF) of State/UT Administrations.
2. The Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun-248 006.
3. Director, IIFM, Nehru Nagar, Bhopal-462 003.
4. The Director General, Forests Survey of India, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun.
5. The Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun.
6. All IFS officers in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (including National Afforestation Eco-Development Board)/ Ministry of Agriculture/ Ministry of Rural Development.
7. All Ministries of Government of India
8. NIC for placing the circular on the IFS website/Spare copies.

Phalguni 13/10/26

(Phalguni Banerjee)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tele. No.: 011 - 2081 9192

ANNEXURE-I

APPLICATION FORM FOR CENTRAL DEPUTATION POSTINGS UNDER THE CENTRAL STAFFING SCHEME OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE FOR INDIAN FOREST SERVICE OFFICERS (FOR THE POSTS AT THE LEVEL OF ADGF/DDGF/IGF/DIGF/AIGF)

Part-I (to be filled in by the applicant)

1.	The year for which application is made	
2.	The level at which deputation is sought	
3.	Choice of Station (in order of Preference)	(i) (ii) (iii)
4.	Name of the applicant	
5.	Batch/year of allotment	
6.	Cadre	
7.	Date of Birth	
8.	Present pay scale with date of commencement of scale of pay	
9.	Present post held	
10.	Full Address for correspondence: (phone/fax/mobile/e-mail)	

11. Educational qualifications

S.No.	Degree/Diploma	University/Institute	Year	Subject(s)

12. Details of postings for the last 10 years: (in descending order)

S No.	Years (from– to)	Post held	Name of the organization	Main responsibilities in the post (in about 100words)	Special attributes/ achievements

13. Details of all deputation postings (in descending order):

S No.	Years (from– to)	Post held	Organisation	Main areas of responsibilities in the post

14. Details of experience in wildlife conservation, tiger reserves or the National Tiger Conservation Authority, if any (Additional requirements for NTCA posts may be seen at Annexure IV):

15. Date of return to Cadre from last deputation/ if currently on deputation, date of expiry of current deputation tenure:

Station: Signature:

Date: Name:

Ph/Mob:

Part-II (to be filled in by the concerned State/UT Government)

1.	Name of the applicant	
2.	Cadre	
3.	Year of allotment	
4.	Date of superannuation	
5.	Whether the officer is clear from vigilance angle	
6.	Is there any disciplinary proceedings pending against the officer (only the cases where charge sheets have been served)	
7.	Has the officer ever been reprimanded/penalized or debarred from deputation, if so the details thereof	
8.	Whether original/copies(attested) of ACRs of last eight years enclosed	

9. Central Deputation Reserve (in figures) as on date of sponsorship:

Authorized	Filled	Gap

10. State Deputation Reserve (in figures) as on date of sponsorship:

Authorized	Filled	Gap

11. It is certified that the particulars given above about the officer are correct and that in the event of the officer being selected for a posting under the CSS of the MoEFCC, the services of the officer shall be placed at the disposal of the Central Government.

Name & designation of the Head of the Forest Department of the State/UT or the Authorized Officer	

Date:

Place:

Signature of the officer concerned
In the State Government/UT Government

Annexure-II

S. No.	Level of Post	Number of Existing Expected Vacancies*	Stations*
1	ADGF Level	02	New Delhi (2)
2	DDGF Level	03	Nagpur (1), Ranchi (1), Shillong (1)
3	IGF Level	07	Bangalore (1), Guwahati (1), Kolkata (1), Nagpur (2), New Delhi (1), Shimla (1)
4	DIGF Level	34	Bangalore (1), Bhopal (1), Bhubaneswar (1), Burnihat (1), Chandigarh (3), Dehradun (10), Kolkata (1), Lucknow (1), Nagpur (3), New Delhi (8), Ranchi (2), Shillong (1), Shimla (1),
5	AIGF Level	35	Bangalore (1), Bhubaneswar (1), Burnihat (4), Coimbatore (2), Dehradun (9), Guwahati (1), Kolkata (2), Kurseong (3), Mumbai (1), New Delhi (11)

*Number of vacancies and posting stations are tentative and liable to be changed.

Annexure-III

CHECK LIST

1. Whether the application has been signed by the officer applying for deputation?

2. Whether Part II and Part III has duly been filled and signed by:

   (i) Head of Forest Department, Department of the State/UT or the Autonomous Offices.

   (ii) Officer concerned in the State Government/ UT Government/ Concerned Administrative Ministries where the officer is on deputation.

3. Whether the duly attested APARS for respective level posts (in accordance with CSS-MoEFCC) are attached.

4. Whether State Government's Vigilance Clearance is enclosed in part III of Annexure I.

5. Whether Updated Executive Record Sheet is enclosed.

Annexure-IV

Additional requirements for NTCA posts

i. The criteria for AIGF (NTCA) posts are as under:

(a) (i) holding an analogous post on a regular basis; or

(ii) holding posts in the scale pay of Rs.10,000 – 15200 (Pre-revised) or equivalent with five years' regular service in the grade; and

(b) having at least five years' field experience in wildlife management

ii. The criteria for DIGF (NTCA) posts are as under:

a. (i) holding analogous post on regular basis; or

(ii) holding posts in the scale pay of Rs.12,000 – 18,000 (Pre-revised) or equivalent with six years' regular service in the grade; and

(b) having at least five years of experience in a tiger reserve or protected area.

iii. The criteria for IGF (NTCA) posts are as under:

a. (i) holding an analogous post on regular basis; or

(ii) the officer has completed a minimum of 19 years of service in IFS, with respect to the year of allotment; and

b. having at least 8 years of experience in wildlife conservation, out of which five years should be in tiger reserves or the National Tiger Conservation Authority/ Project Tiger Division of the Ministry;

*****

ANNEXURE - A

Complete Executive Record Sheet Report

Name of the Officer:	
Service:	**Indian Forest Service**
Cadre/Allotment Year :	
Date of Birth :	
Gender :	
Place of Domicile :	
Date of Appointment to IFS :	
Recruitment Source :	
IFS Cadre :	

Officer Address :		Marital Status :	
Telephone Office :		Telephone Residential:	
Fax Number:		Mobile :	
Email Address:		If Tenure Post (Yes/No), If Yes, Date of Expiry of the Tenure	

Educational Qualifications.

Qualification I	Qualification II	Qualification III

Posting Details

S. No	Date of Posting From	Date of Posting To	Post Hold	Department	Post Under (Cadre/Ex-Cadre/CDR(CSS-MoEF)/ CDR (CSS-DoP&T)	Pay Level/ Pay Scale & Grade Pay	Date of Pay Level/ Scale

Training Details

S. No.	Training Type (Domestic/ Foreign)	Financial Year	Duration (in Day/ Month)	Training From	Training To	Institute Name	Subject Name	Country Name

Specialization Details

Area of specialization I	Area of specialization II	Area of specialization III	Publication	Award

PARTICULARS OF THE OFFICER FOR WHOM VIGILANCE COMMENTS/ CLEARANCE BEING SOUGHT

(To be furnished and signed by the CVO or HOD)

1. Name of the Officer (in full) :

2. Father's name :

3. Date of Birth :

4. Date of Retirement :

5. Date of Entry into Service :

6. Service to which the officer belongs including batch/ year/cadre etc. wherever applicable :

7(A). Positions held during the ten preceding years:

Sl.No.	Organization (Name in full)	Designation & Place of posting	Administrative/ nodal Ministry/ Deptt. concerned (in case of officers of PSUs etc.)	From	To

7(B). Whether the officer has functioned as a CVO in part-time or additional charge capacity(details thereof) :

7(C). Whether the officer is currently placed under suspension: Yes/No

DATE:

(NAME AND SIGNATURE)

VIGILANCE PROFILE OF OFFICERS FOR WHOM VIGILANCE COMMENTS/ CLEARANCE BEING SOUGHT

(To be furnished by the CVO or HOD)

Name of the Officer :

8. Whether the officer has been placed on the "Agreed List" or "List of Officer of Doubtful Integrity". (If yes, details to be given) :

9. Whether any allegation of misconduct involving vigilance angle was examined against the officer during the last 10 years and if so with what result. :

10. Whether any punishment was awarded to the officer during the last 10 years and if so, the date of imposition and details of the penalty. :

11. Is any disciplinary/ criminal proceedings or charge sheet pending against the officer, as on date. [If so, details to be furnished including reference no., if any, of the Commission] :

12. Is any action contemplated against the Officer as on date [If so, details to be furnished] :

13. Whether any complaint with vigilance angle is pending against the officer [if so, details to be furnished]. :

DATE:

(NAME AND SIGNATURE)