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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(Forest Protection Division)
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

Dated 9/5/2006.

To,
The PCCF
All States & UTs

Sub : Protocol on Forest Fires – regarding

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Protocol on forest fires has been prepared by the Ministry. A copy of the Protocol is annexed.

It is requested that the Protocol be implemented in the State / UTs in respect of forest fires and the requisite information be furnished on regular basis.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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Encl: Protocol on Forest Fires

Copy to :

1. Secretary / Principal Secretary (Forests, All State Govts & UT Administrations

PROTOCOL ON FOREST FIRES

1. Following category of Forest Fires are to be reported to the Ministry immediately.
 - in Hilly States, forest fires affecting 100 ha. of area or more and burning for more than two days.
 - In other States, forest fires affecting 500 ha. of area or more.
 - Any instances of forest fires, howsoever small it may be in National Parks, Sanctuaries & Tourist Areas.
2. A monthly report on forest fires will be submitted by each State to the Ministry at the end of every month during fire season (in prescribed format)
3. The States should make efforts to prepare fire zonation maps.
4. The State Forest Department should make efforts and establish contact with State Fire Departments & seek their cooperation in fire management & control.
5. All States / UTs should observe a forest fire fortnight before the onset of the season to create awareness about forest fires and also assess the preparedness.

Proforma for Monthly Reporting of Forest Fire

Position as on (month and date)

Name of State:

Fire Season (Calendar Year):

No. of Fire incidents	Burnt Area (ha)	Casualties loss of human life	Loss of wildlife	No. of crown fires (if any) and area affected (ha)	Estimated losses (Rs. In lakhs)	Remarks (if any)