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(S.U. Division)

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ORDER

It has been decided to constitute a **Core Group** consisting of the following members to study the applied rates and the import duties, which play a significant role in the import of commodities including forestry products and in the multilateral/bilateral trade negotiations:

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| 1. Additional Director General of Forests (F.C.)
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
New Delhi. | Chairman |
| 2. Shri A.K. Bansal,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Orissa. | Member |
| 3. Dr. Subhashish Gangopadhyay,
Director, Indian Development Foundation,
Gurgaon. | Member |
| 4. Ms Vandana Aggarwal,
Director, Ministry of Commerce & Industry,
New Delhi. | Member |
| 5. Shri Varun Khanna,
DGM, National Centre for Trade Information,
Government of India. | Member |
| 6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Haryana. | Member |
| 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Punjab. | Member |
| 8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 9. The Director, Indian Plywood Industry Research
& Training Institute (IPIRTI), Bangalore. | Member |

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| 10. A representative from Ministry of Finance (Revenue),
Specially from Tariff Research Unit (TRU). | Member |
| 11. A representative from Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals
and Commodities Export Promotion Council (CAMEXIL). | Member |
| 12. A representative from Chemical and Allied Products
Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL). | Member |
| 13. A representative from Associated Chamber Of Commerce
and Industry (ASSOCHAM). | Member |
| 14. A representative from Federation of Indian Industry (CII) | Member |
| 15. A representative from federation of Indian Chambers of
Commerce and Industry (FICCI). | Member |
| 16. Deputy Inspector General of Forests, S.U. Division,
Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi. | Member |
2. The terms of reference of the Core Group will be as follows:
- (i) To protect the interest of farmers regarding agro and farm forestry resin, rosin, poplar, khair, etc. by way of fixing annual quota or by revising/introducing increased import duties, commodity wise and within the forestry sector species wise.
 - (ii) To formulate objectives and constraints as well as correct specifications of the models encompassing the timber and other forestry products in raw, semi-finished and finished form; and,
 - (iii) To decide the approved rates and increase/decrease import duties on commodities/products related to the forestry sector.
3. Since this matter has a wide ramification in the context of forest products, the Core Group will have detailed discussions and make recommendations on the applied rates and import duty etc. The Core group will submit its report within six months from the date of its constitution.
4. The meetings of the Core Group shall be held normally at Delhi, but in exceptional cases, these may be held outside Delhi with the prior approval of the Ministry.

(Dr. Bipin Behari)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests