

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE SEARCH-CUM-SELECTION COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR SELECTION OF EXPERT MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

The virtual meeting of the Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) constituted for selection of Expert Members of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), vide Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Order dated 4th June, 2020, was held on 16th June, 2020 (Tuesday) at 12.00 noon.

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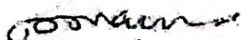
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul Judge, Supreme Court of India	- Chairperson
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel Chairperson, National Green Tribunal	- Member
Shri R. P. Gupta Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	- Member
Dr. C. Chandramouli Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training	- Member

The Committee observed that out of the 41 applicants shortlisted by the Screening Committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in terms of Section 6 (3) of the NGT Act, 2010 read with Rule 5 (3) of the NGT (Manner of Appointment of Judicial and Expert Members, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chairperson and other Members and Procedure for Inquiry) Rules, 2010, as amended vide Notification dated 11th July, 2012, 34 (thirty-four) were either serving or retired officers of the Indian Forest Service and only remaining 7 (seven) applicants were from non-Forest backgrounds.

The requirement of National Green Tribunal to make the Zonal Benches functional necessitated that regional requirements were critical for appointing suitable candidates to the 6 (six) vacant posts of Expert Members.

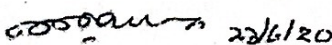
After discussion and deliberations, the Committee decided as follows:

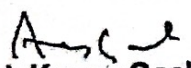
- 1) Guidelines as under shall be followed for shortlisting candidates for interviews:



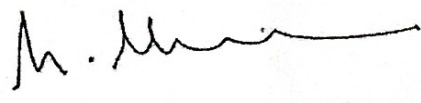
- i. the candidates should have some exposure in environmental matters;
 - ii. It is necessary to maintain regional balance and at least 3 to 4 candidates should be available for interview from each region; and
 - iii. if at least 3 candidates do not become available as per criteria I, the candidates possessing only Forest experience may also be considered from that region, in order to make up 3-4 candidates from each region.
- 2) the list of 41 (forty-one) applicants may be further reviewed and those applicants who possessed diversified experience may only be considered;
 - 3) the search option may also be explored to identify and invite eligible persons along with requisite qualifications, experience and expertise in the field of environment and suitable names may be suggested by the Members; and
 - 4) on receipt of the list of shortlisted candidates, reviewed by the Ministry of EF&CC, in consultation with the Secretary, DoPT, the dates for conducting interview of the applicants shall be finalized.

The Committee resolved to conduct online interviews keeping in view the current COVID-19 Pandemic situation across the country. Since the Guidelines of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) laid down that the SCSC recommends a panel of names which is 2 to 3 times of the number of vacancies, therefore, the number of applicants to be interviewed may be around 24 (twenty-four).


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MINUTES OF THE SECOND AND THIRD VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF THE SEARCH-CUM-SELECTION COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR SELECTION OF EXPERT MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

The second and third virtual meetings of the Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) constituted for selection of Expert Members of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), vide Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Order dated 4th June, 2020, were held on 25th June, 2020 (Thursday) at 4.00 P.M. and 13th July, 2020 (Monday) at 5.30 P.M. respectively.

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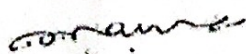
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The second virtual meeting of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for appointment to the vacant posts of Expert members of NGT was held on 25th June, 2020 at 4.00 pm.

The Committee had considered the names of all the short-listed applicants and those identified after exercising the Search option. The Committee went through the Curriculum Vitae of the candidates with a view to examine their experience in handling environment and environment related work in their career.

The Committee also took into account their experience of adjudication, knowledge of local language (for Zonal Benches) and whether they were residing at the required stations where the Benches of NGT are located or their willingness or likelihood of going to these locations.

On the basis of the above, the Committee carried out further short-listing of the candidates and decided in the third virtual meeting held on 13th July, 2020 to invite



sixteen (16) candidates for a virtual interview. The names of the candidates as per Zone-wise break-up are as follows:

Northern Zone:

1. Dr. Jagdip Narayan Singh.
2. Dr. M. M. Kutty.
3. Sh. Gopal Krishna.
4. Sh. Praveen Kumar (also willing to serve in Southern Zone).
5. Dr. Arun Kumar Verma (also willing to serve in Western Zone).
6. Dr. Jaivardhan Ramanlal Bhatt.
7. Dr. Satish C. Garkoti.

Western Zone:

1. Dr. Deepak Govindrao Mhaisekar.
2. Sh. Abhay Narayan Tripathi.
3. Dr. Ashok Kumar Saxena.

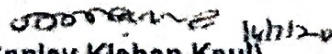
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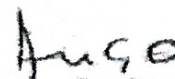
1. Sh. Rajneesh Vaish.
2. Ms. Shikha Dubey.
3. Ms. Renu Pant.


Southern Zone:


1. Ms. Girija Vaidyanathan.
2. Sh. Mohan Pyare.
3. Dr. K. Satyagopal.

The Committee decided to conduct the virtual interviews on 25th July, 2020 (Saturday), from 11.00 A.M. onwards


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