



Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

A Brief Overview

**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Government of India**

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Headquarters and jurisdiction of the Regional Offices

Sl. No.	Headquarter	States and UTs under jurisdiction
1	Bangalore	Karnataka, Kerala, Goa and Lakshadwvp
2	Bhopal	Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
3	Bhubaneswar	Orissa and West Bengal
7	Lucknow	Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh
10	Shillong	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura
5	Chandigarh	Chandigarh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab
9	Ranchi	Bihar and Jharkhand
4	Chennai	Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands
6	Dehradun	Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand
8	Nagpur	Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

Functions of Regional Offices

A. Forest Clearances Related Functions

- Assistance to States/UTs in preparation of the Forest Clearance proposals
- Site inspection in case of proposals involving more than 100 hectares of forest land and renewal of mining leases
- Monitoring of the implementation of conditions and safeguards stipulated in Forest Clearances
- Final disposal of proposals involving upto 40 hectares of forest land (except mining, regularization of encroachment and hydel projects) and all linear projects
- Processing of proposal involving between 5 hectares to 40 hectares for mining, regularization of encroachment and hydel projects in consultation with the REC;
- Maintenance of database on forest clearance including uploading of a copy of Stage-I (In-principle), Stage-II (Final) FCs, and minutes of REC on website of the Ministry

B. Working Plan related functions:

- Assisting the States/ UTs in the preparation of management/ working plans
- Approval of working plans / working schemes
- Monitoring the implementation of the working plans/ working schemes

C. Monitoring of other schemes

- Monitoring and evaluation of all ongoing forestry development projects and scheme with specific emphasis on conservation of forests;
- Monitoring the utilization of CAMPA funds;
- Monitoring of Centrally sponsored schemes

D. Environmental Management and Pollution Control Functions

- Monitoring of compliance to Environmental Clearance (EC) conditions
- Examine and analyse the six monthly progress reports on EC conditions
- Surprise and random checks/ verifications of EC conditions
- Conduct enquiries as may be directed by the Ministry
- To follow up pollution control measures taken by industries, local bodies, Government (State/ Centre);
- collect and furnishing of information relating to environmental impact assessment of projects, pollution control measures, methodology and status, legal and enforcement measures, environmental protection for special conservation areas like wetlands, mangroves and biosphere reserves;
- Maintain liaison and provide linkage with State Government and various Central Agencies and various other stakeholders involved in implementation of programmes relating to environment;
- Publicity and Awareness

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E. Miscellaneous functions

- Ascertaining the position of the forest or non-forest land
- Regional level technical and scientific consultation on biological diversity
- Assisting the State/ Union Territories in streamlining collection, collation, storage and retrieval of data/ covering all forestry activities and to transmit such data to the Central Government/ Central Data Processing Centre;
- Verification of nominees for Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puruskar and other Awards of the Ministry;
- Attending to Court Cases pertaining to the Ministry of Environment and Forests;
- Attend to RTI Applications, general complaints pertaining to environment and forest issues.
- Such other work as may be assigned from time to time.

Sanctioned Staff Strength of Regional Offices

Headquarters Unit, New Delhi-	22
Regional Office Shillong-	36
Regional Office Bangaluru:	34
Regional Office Bhubaneswar:	34
Regional Office Lucknow:	34
Regional Office Bhopal:	33
Regional Office Chennai:	30
Regional Office Nagpur:	30
Regional Office Dehradun:	30
Regional Office Ranchi:	30
Total:	341

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