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A Policy Dialogue on

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIONS



08 OCTOBER



09:00 AM



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CONTEXT

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has proposed to amend key environmental governance legislations for environment and wildlife protection and prevention and control of pollution. The amendments aim to reduce the burden of compliance, rationalize penalties, and structure the funds, amongst other objectives. In addition, they seek to modify the processes to introduce uniformity and consistency in the application of the legislation across different states. It strives to bring the select legislations up to date with the multiplicity of changes since their enactment.

The amendments seek to decriminalize ‘minor violations of law’ in the existing provisions in the following acts:

- [The Air \(Prevention and Control of Pollution\) Act, 1981](#)
- [The Water \(Prevention and Control of Pollution\) Act, 1974](#)
- [The Environmental \(Protection\) Act, 1986](#)
- [The Indian Forest Act, 1927](#)
- [The Wildlife \(Protection\) Amendment Bill, 2021](#)
- [The Public Liability Insurance \(PLI\) Act, 1991](#)

RATIONALE OF THE POLICY DIALOGUE

The Policy Dialogue aims to contribute to the public consultation process, and to analyse the amendments proposed from diverse perspectives. The paradigm shift in approaches to environmental governance have implications on policy formulation and need to be analysed from the point of view of multiple stakeholders. Thus, the Dialogue intends to bring together various perspectives to constructively discuss and contemplate upon the proposed amendments.

SESSION PLAN

09:00-09:30 AM Registration and Tea

09:30-10:00 AM Inauguration

- Welcome: Prof. N C Narayanan, Head, ADCPS, IIT Bombay
 - Introduction to Policy Dialogue: Prof. Ajay Deshpande, ADCPS, IIT Bombay
 - Inauguration Address: Prof. Ravindra Gudi, Dean ACR, IIT Bombay
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10:00 - 11:30 AM Session I: Environment and Pollution

Chair: Prof. Virendra Sethi, Head, CUSE, IIT Bombay

SPEAKERS

Mr. Sundeep, Director, MoEFCC, Govt. of India
(Proposed Amendments and their Important Features)

Adv. Yogeshwaran, Environmental Lawyer, Chennai
(Institutional Challenges)

Dr. D A Patil, Environmental Consultant
(Perspective from Business)

Prof. M K Ramesh, National Law School of India University, Bangalore
(Implications for Policy)

11:30-11:45 AM Tea Break

11:45-01:45 PM Session II: Forest and Wildlife

Chair: Prof. Shishir Kumar Jha, ADCPS, IIT Bombay

SPEAKERS

Dr. Arvind Jha Retired Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Pune
(Proposed Amendments and their Important Features)

Mr. Debi Goenka, Environmentalist, Conservation Action Trust
(From the Perspective of Forest and Wildlife Conservation)

Dr. KV Reddy, Ultratech Cements, Vice President (Environment)
(Perspective from Business)

Adv Sanjay Upadhyaya, Environmental Lawyer, New Delhi
(Institutional Challenges)

Prof. Geetanjoy Sahu, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
(Implications for Policy)

01:45-02:30 PM Lunch Break

02:30-04:00 PM Round Table on Draft Policy Brief

- Moderator: Prof. Rahul Sapkal, ADCPS, IIT Bombay
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04:00-04:15 PM Tea Break

04:15-05:00 PM Plenary Session

- Rapporteur's Report: Ayushi Jain, Rakendu S., Namrata Radhakrishnan
 - Chair's Address
 - Vote of Thanks: Prof. N C Narayanan, Head, ADCPS, IIT Bombay
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