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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
Vigilance Division

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Dated the 04.01.2023

To The Principal Secretary,  
Forests and Environment Department,  
All the State Governments and  
Union Territories Admns.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Department of Forests,  
All the State Government and  
Union Territories Admns.

Sub: Filing of Annual Immovable Property Returns (AIPR) for the year 2022 (as on 01.01.2023) in SPARROW portal by Indian Forest Service (IFS)- Officers reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to DoPT's D.O. No. 6(4)/2022-EO(PR) dated 19.12.2022 (copy enclosed) for online filling of AIPR by IFS officers and to say that "*Rule 16(2) of AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968 provides that every member of the Service shall submit an annual return in such form as may be prescribed by the government in this regard, giving full particulars regarding the immovable property inherited by him or owned or acquired by him or held by him on lease or mortgagage, either in his own name or in the name of any member of his family or in the name of any other person*".

2. This Ministry has already developed software to facilitate the Indian Forest Services (IFS) officers to file their Annual Immovable Property Returns (AIPR) online. Accordingly, every IFS officer is required to submit his/her AIPRs online on SPARROW portal i.e. [www.sparrow-ifs.eoffice.gov.in](http://www.sparrow-ifs.eoffice.gov.in) and that Offline AIPR will not be accepted now onwards.

3. As such, the online AIPR for the year 2022 (as on 01.01.2023) is to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023. In this regard, **Special reference is invited to DoPT's O.M. No 104/33/2005-AVD.I dated 29.10.2007 and 7.9.2011** wherein it is clearly mentioned that "**Vigilance clearance shall be denied** to an officer for the purpose of (a) inclusion in the offer list (b) empanelment (c) any deputation for which Central Government clearance is necessary, including deputation under Rule 6(1) and 6(2)(ii) of the AIS (cadre) Rules (d) appointments to sensitive posts (e) assignments to training programmes (except mandatory training) (f) premature repatriation to the cadre, etc. if he/she fails to submit his/her AIPR by 31<sup>st</sup> January of the following year."

4. It is, therefore, requested to bring this to the notice of all the Indian Forest Service officers borne on your State/UT cadre, for compliance.

Yours faithfully

*Subhangi J.* 4/1/23

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2. **The Under Secretary (IT)** for uploading this O.M. on e-office portal/ website of this Ministry.
3. The Under Secretary, IFS Division for uploading this O.M. on IFS website.