NOTIFICATION

The State Government is hereby pleased to constitute a High Level Task Force to study the issue of environmental management and suggest policies needed in Sikkim for their implementation.

The High Level Task Force shall comprise of the following:-

1. Ms. Sunita Narain, Director Centre for Science & Environment Chairperson

2. Ms. Ghazala Shahbuddin ICIMOD Member

3. Dr. Mahendra P. Lama Professor, JNU, New Delhi Member

4. Shri. S.B.S. Bhadhoria, IFS C.C.F., Govt. of Sikkim Member

5. Shri. A.B. Kharki Under Secretary, Home Government of Sikkim Liaison Officer

The Chairperson may co-opt any other member, if considered necessary.

The terms of reference of the High Level Task Force shall be as follows:-

a) To suggest measures and policies to improve the management of the environment of the State including concerns for biodiversity preservation of high altitude ecosystems, forest management and urbanization.
b) To suggest measures to strengthen institutional and governance capacities to undertake the management of the natural resources in the State.

The term of the High Level Task Force shall be six to nine months, during which time, it will meet with different experts and policy planners to deliberate on the issues and will also undertake research and travel to get an in-depth view of the situation.

The Chairperson and the members shall be entitled for free air travel from their place of headquarters and the members shall be entitled free boarding and lodging. The expenditure on the account shall be borne by the Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR.

N.D. CHINGAPA, IAS
CHIEF SECRETARY
F. No. Gos/Home-II/2005/22