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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is made on the 24th day of October, 2016 between Rain Forest Research Institute, an institute of the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, through Director, RFRI. (hereinafter referred to as the RFRI and called the "First Party") which expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, include its successors, assigns etc. of the one part:


AND

Department of Forests, Ecology, Environment and Wildlife, Government of Nagaland through the PCCF & HOFF (hereinafter referred to as the Nagaland FD and called the "Second Party") which expression shall unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, include its successors, assigns etc. of the other part:

WHEREAS the objective of the First Party was to establish "Van Vigyan Kendra" (VVK) in each State/UT during XI Five year plan to disseminate various technologies developed by


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the Council and its Institutes and State Forest Departments (SFDs) to the user groups including farmers and forest based industries,

AND WHEREAS Second Party was also keen to establish the Van Vigyan Kendra in its State for promotion and extension of appropriate Research by organizing training camp and demonstrations, field trials, establishment of nursery, etc.,


AND WHEREAS the First Party approached the Second Party for this purpose and Second Party consented to provide the necessary help in establishing Van Vigyan Kendra.

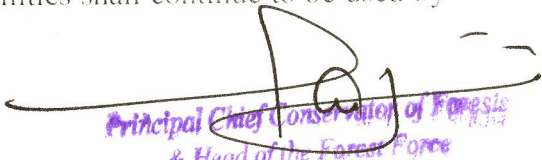
AND WHEREAS the VVK was established in 2009 and had conducted forestry extension programmes in the State for the benefit of foresters and farmers, till 2015-16.

AND WHEREAS both the parties now wish to continue this programme for a period of five years from 2016-17,

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to enter into an understanding under the following terms and conditions for continuation of the programme of VVK:

1. The First Party will equip the **VVKs** with
 - a) **Literature** in the form of brochures, pamphlets, newsletters etc in English with a budget of Rs. 3.0 lakhs per year.
 - b) **Training/Capacity Building**- Two or more short term trainings (*Duration of total training imparted in a year will not be less than 2 weeks/as suggested by SFD commensurate with the requirement of stakeholders*) will be organized each for a group of about 20 persons including forest communities, farmers from Nagaland. The purpose will be to train the stakeholders in improved technology in forestry research and management, skill development, capacity building, agroforestry, land use based techniques, etc. This component has been provided with a budgetary support of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per year.
 - c) **Maintenance** of Nursery - Rs. 1.00 lakh per year
 - d) **Contingencies/Overhead** Rs. 1.00 lakh per year
 - e) All said activities shall be subject to availability of budget and fund from ICFRE.
2. Nagaland FD will appoint Nodal Officer for coordination with the RFRI.
3. Nagaland FD has already provided basic infrastructure for the establishment of VVK. This includes, providing of building, fixture, electric and water supply, appended land for nursery and demonstration purpose etc. These facilities shall continue to be used by the VVK.

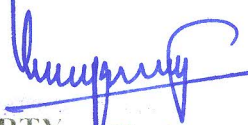

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4. Nagaland FD will help in maintaining model nursery, execution of field demonstration trials and display centre.
5. Demonstration/field trials will be laid out jointly by RFRI and Nagaland FD.
6. Personnel will be provided by the Nagaland FD. Part of the expenses on personnel can be met from the financial assistance from ICFRE as mentioned in clause 1 above, provided the personnel concerned is outsourced for specific items of work listed in clause 1 above. All travel expenses of personnel for other works shall be borne by RFRI and Nagaland FD respectively.
7. The implementing authority will be Director, RFRI.
8. Review meeting for updation on progress of works /activities between the two parties shall be held twice a year.
9. Any dispute, difference or question which may arise between Nagaland FD and RFRI will be referred to Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun who will be the sole arbitrator.
10. All legal matters will fall under the territorial jurisdiction of Guwahati Courts.
11. This **MOU** will be initially valid for the period of 5 years from the date of signing this **MOU**. The time period can be extended by the mutual consent of the parties.

IN WITNESS where of the **FIRST PARTY** and **SECOND PARTY** have put their signatures on this MOU on the day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED BY



FIRST PARTY
 Director
 Rain Forest Research Institute
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SIGNED BY



SECOND PARTY
 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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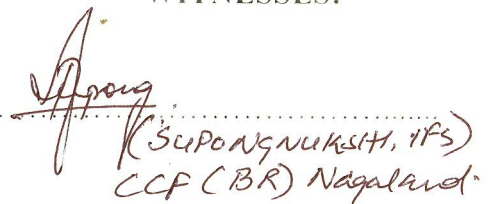
WITNESSES:



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 (R K Kalita)

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 (SUPON NUKSITH, IPS)
 CCF (BR) Nagaland

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