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The Concept Paper on Natural Resource Accounting in India brought out by the GASAB Secretariat has been launched by hon'ble Mr Babul Supriyo, Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 28 July 2020 and is a nationally important document. The Minister of State in his inaugural speech has urged all the ministries/ stakeholders to put their best efforts in implementing the actionable points laid down in the Concept Paper.

In order to steer the implementation process as per the Concept Paper and with the approval of the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General & Chairperson, GASAB, a **Natural Resource Accounting Cell is hereby established in GASAB Secretariat** with the following terms and conditions:

The Cell : The Concept Paper has envisaged a number of action plan laid out for a period of about 6-8 years, segregated into short, medium and long term goals. The Natural Resource Accounting Cell will support, monitor and help implementation of resource accounting processes as envisaged in the Concept Paper on NRA.

The mandate of the Cell : The NRA Cell at GASAB Sectt shall co-ordinate between the two resource centers, namely the NRA Cells in the States and also in iCED, besides other stakeholders like the ministries (MoSPI, MoMines, Department of Land Records, *MoJal Shakti*, MoEFCC, MoCorporate Affairs), the Indian Bureau of Mines, the ICAI, the Forest Survey of India etc.as envisaged in the Concept Paper to further the implementation processes of NRA.

Members : In view of its atypical nature of mandate requiring quick actions on various actionable points, the constitution of the Cell will be two pronged as detailed below:

| The Core Cell | The Consultative Committee of the Cell |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAI & Chairperson, GASAB as the head of the Cell• ADAI, GASAB• Principal Director, GASAB - I | ADAI, GASAB/MS, GASAB - Chair PD, GASAB - I - Convener Members : All DG/PDs in GASAB; |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr. AO (Sudipta N Biswas), GASAB • One AAO in GASAB Sectt | <p>One member each from the GA, Commercial Wings in headquarters; Representatives from the following -</p> <p>(i) iCED, (ii) five State Governments (from East, West, North, South and North East) (iii) AsG (Audit/A&E) of the same States which are members (iv) One member from Ministries of MoSPI, MoMines, MoEFCC, Department of Land Records, Mo <i>Jal Shakti</i>, MoCorporate Affairs, ICAI, CGA and MoFinance</p> |
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Merging of Internal Working Group (IWG) into this NRA Cell : The IWG on NRA formed in the year 2018 is hereby wound up and the members are transferred to this newly proposed NRA Cell. The Offices/Departments which are not included in the IWG on NRA would be contacted separately with the request to nominate members for the Committee.


Deliberations and periodic meetings: In view of the current pandemic, to save costs and to retain audit trails, all information sharing and meetings of the Consultative Committee is proposed to be held virtually and through electronic correspondences, only. The members would, in general, respond to communications within 15 days of receipt to ensure time bound action on various actionable points.

The Consultative Committee shall meet every six months to discuss the works done during the period and to finalise future course of action strictly in keeping with those prescribed in the Concept Paper.

Review of the implementation Process : The Cell shall prepare progress Report biennially on the achievements during the period vis-à-vis the detailed roadmap laid down in the Concept Paper. This is to ensure that the implementation process is continuously reviewed till all the aspects of the short, mid and long term goals as envisaged in the Concept Paper are met and smoothly running.

This issues with the approval of the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General and Chairperson, GASAB.

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