

Dear Dr. Boralkar,

I am happy to inform you that the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India has constituted the "Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) under the Chairmanship of Prof. Madhav Gadgil. I am writing to you in my capacity as a member of this important Panel. The main objectives of this Panel are (1) to assess the current status of ecology of the Western Ghats region, (2) to manage the ecology of Western Ghats and (2) to ensure its sustainable development with the support of the concerned states.

In order to achieve the above mentioned goals the panel has decided to commission a group of experts to prepare theme papers in topics of their expertise. In this connection I am happy to request you to prepare a paper on the theme "Industrial Pollution". While preparing such a paper, you may kindly keep in mind that it is desirable to (a) draw a picture of the current status of ecology of the Western Ghats region, (b) provide suggestions as to measures that would promote conservation, protection and rejuvenation of the ecology of the Western Ghats region and (c) provide suggestions as to areas within the Western Ghats region which may be considered for notification as ecologically sensitive.

We would appreciate it if you could kindly prepare your paper of 4000-6000 words and send it to me by end of September 2010. All the papers will be peer reviewed and uploaded on a public domain website that we are setting up.

We are also arranging to pay a suitable honorarium in appreciation of your efforts in preparing your paper.

I would appreciate a confirmation from you by end of June 2010.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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