

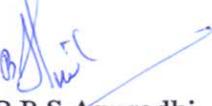
**Internal Memo**  
**Administration Division**

To ; All Heads of the Divisions/Department/Authority  
From ; Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin)  
Subject : **Forest Dwellers in Chhattisgarh – Development Challenges and Solutions From 28th January 2026 to 10th February 2026 in India**  
Priority ; Most Urgent  
Date ; 2026.01.16  
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This has reference to the letter no TA/ITEC/INDIA/S/234/25-26 dated 12.01.2026 ,received from the Department of External Resources requesting nominations from the eligible Government Officers for the above mentioned programmes. (Copy is attached)

02. It would be appreciated to receive nominations along with requested details and documents from your end to the **Administration Division** as soon as possible.

  
**B.P.S. Anuradhi**  
Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin)  
For Secretary



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12th January 2026

**Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Trainings**

Secretary to the President / Presidential Secretariat  
Secretary to the Prime Minister / Prime Minister's Office  
Heads / Other Special Spending Units  
Secretaries / All Ministries  
Chairmen / All Independent Commissions  
Chief Secretaries / All Provincial Councils  
Heads / All Departments  
District Secretaries / All Districts

**Forest Dwellers in Chhattisgarh – Development Challenges and Solutions - Training Programme under the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Scholarship Scheme - From 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in India**

The Government of India has invited nominations from eligible government-sector officials from Sri Lanka for "Forest Dwellers in Chhattisgarh – Development Challenges and Solutions" training programme. The training programme will be conducted in India from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Further details of the programme, including eligibility criteria and course content, can be accessed through the following link: [https://www.itecgoi.in/upcoming\\_courses](https://www.itecgoi.in/upcoming_courses)

This programme offers a comprehensive understanding of forest-dwelling communities in India, particularly in Chhattisgarh, by examining their socio-cultural and livelihood conditions. It addresses major development challenges, reviews key legal and policy frameworks, and highlights best practices in sustainable and community-based development, while promoting cross-cultural exchange through field visits and stakeholder engagement.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could instruct the relevant officials to circulate this information among the Departments, Divisions, Institutes and Provincial/ District administrations under your purview. Please ensure that the most suitable nomination is submitted to the Department of External Resources (ERD) along with the following documents by as soon as possible:

- Nomination Letter from the relevant Ministry
- Two sets of duly filled Application Form (printouts of the online application)
- Duly filled ERD Form (available at [www.erd.gov.lk](http://www.erd.gov.lk))
- A copy of Passport (with a minimum 6-month validity period)
- Medical certificate-issued by a doctor/ Government Hospital in the prescribed format
- A statement on the relevance of the training program to the current job role

We have been informed that a maximum of two (02) opportunities are available for Sri Lanka, and to submit three to four (3-4) nominations to the High Commission of India (HCI) before the deadline for screening. Therefore, we kindly request that you select the most suitable officer from your organization, provided that the course is relevant to the functions of the Ministry and the official duties of the nominating officer. The relationship of the training programme to the nominee will be critically considered during the screening process conducted by the HCI.

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- Please be advised that the following procedures will be applied when submitting applications for the ITEC Programmes. These procedures are established to ensure compliance with the conditions and guidelines set forth by ITEC, as well as to facilitate a streamlined application process:
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to register for the programme as early as possible using the link: <https://www.itecgoi.in/meaportal/registerApplicant>
- Please ensure that the printout of the online application, along with the required documents, is submitted to the Department of External Resources before the deadline.
- It is important to note that candidates must complete the ITEC application form meticulously, ensuring that no fields are left incomplete or blank, and that all information provided is accurate. Incomplete applications will be rejected without undergoing the screening process.
- The first four (04) applications will be processed on a "first come, first served" basis, taking into account the relevance of the applicant to the programme. Once the first four applications are forwarded to the HCI in Sri Lanka, the application status on the web will be marked as closed.
- If multiple nominations are included in a single submission, we will select the required number of candidates based on the order in which their names appear in the cover letter. In cases where more than one covering letter is submitted on the same date, the most senior applicant will be selected. Conversely, if the covering letters are dated differently, the earliest application will be prioritized for selection.
- We would like to emphasize that only limited training opportunities are available and therefore, not all ministries may be able to participate. In light of this limitation, a maximum of one placement may be allocated to a ministry. However, should the required number of applications not be received from other ministries, institutions, or organizations, additional placements may be considered.
- Officers are not permitted to reapply for any training course offered under the ITEC Programme (short-term or long-term) for a duration of five years following the completion of a prior program.
- Please comply with the age restrictions; applicants at the Director level or below must be under 50 years of age.
- A working knowledge of English is required to successfully follow and complete the ITEC course.
- Candidates must be medically fit to undertake the training.
- Please ensure that the nominations align with the TA Circular 2013/2014 of the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development dated 24th October 2013.

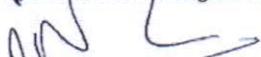
In addition, it is hereby informed that any cancellation or withdrawal of nominations after selection to the programme will not be accepted. Such withdrawals may result in the repayment of air ticket cancellation charges or the full cost of the air ticket, along with any other administrative costs incurred, depending on the circumstances.

The Government of India will provide the following facilities to participants selected for in-person training programmes:

- Return Air Ticket (Economy Class) from Colombo to Training Institute in India
- Course fees
- Accommodation
- Living Allowance of INR 1,500/- per day for meeting expenditure on food
- Medical expenses (only in case of medical emergency during the training in India)
- Approved study tours (including places of historical importance)

Please note that the final decision regarding the acceptance of applications/nominations rests solely with the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and only selected candidates will be notified through the ERD and the HCI in Sri Lanka.

This is a valuable opportunity for public sector officials and the Government of Sri Lanka. We therefore look forward to receiving a strong list of nominations to ensure the maximum utilization of this offer. Your cooperation and prompt action in this regard are highly appreciated.

  
Tharanga Liyanage  
Additional Director General  
for Director General