

Pre- release consultation meeting for Forest Soil Health Cards of Forest Divisions of Madhya Pradesh (M.P.) (15/03.2023)

ICFRE - Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur conducted a Pre- release consultation meeting for Forest Soil Health Cards of Madhya Pradesh (M.P.) with the officials of M.P. State Forest Department (MPSFD) at PCCF office, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal.

The meeting aimed to discuss Forest Soil Health Cards (SHC) containing 12 important soil properties, micro and macro nutrient status and recommendations prepared by TFRI for 63 territorial forest divisions of M.P. These SHC will serve as pioneering reference levels for forest soil health of the state.



Shri Atul Kumar Jain, PCCF Research Extension and Lok Vaniki, MPSFD, chaired the meeting and appreciated meticulous efforts undertaken by TFRI, Jabalpur to prepare SHC of M.P.

Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Director TFRI, briefed on the importance of SHC and invited comments in consultation with the department through this pre-release meeting.

Dr. Vijendra Panwar, National project coordinator presented briefly about the nationally uniform methodology adopted to estimate soil parameters under the project.

Dr. Avinash Jain, Project Investigator and Scientist TFRI stated the massive task accomplished by TFRI for sampling 976 points to prepare SHC of 63 divisions of M.P., holding the largest forest cover and sampling points in the entire country. Delivering a detailed presentation, he deliberated the findings and recommendations prepared by TFRI.

The meeting was bestowed by the presence of Dr. Atul Kumar Srivastava, PCCF (Working Plan & Land Records); Shri Rakesh Kumar Yadav, PCCF (Admin-I); Shri Mahendra Singh Dhakad, APCCF CAMPA and other officers along with all concerned Divisional Forest Officers of M.P. through online mode.