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To  
All Principal Conservator of Forest  
All Member Secretary, SMPB

**Subject: Criteria for identification of JFMC's – regarding**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to this office letter of even no. dated 3.12.2011 and to say that the following are the criteria's for selection of JFMC's:

1. The size of forest area to which JFMC's/Van Panchayat has access for collection of medicinal plants.
2. The species details of medicinal plants traded and quantities thereof in local/village hats/mandies and weekly markets season-wise.
3. Number of people primarily involved in collection of medicinal plants and those likely to benefit under the project.
4. Dependence of community on local traditional vaidyas. Medicinal plants for their healthcare needs.
5. Details of the infrastructure of trade centers, processing units, if any present in the area.
6. Traditional experience in handling, collection and Post harvesting practices of medicinal plants/produce
7. Availability of alternative Livelihood opportunities to the members of the JFMC's.
8. Sustainable Collection

## 9. Resource Augmentation

You are requested to use these criteria's for selection of JFMC's while formulating project proposals for assistance of JFMC's under "Central Sector Scheme for Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants".

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(Prahlad Rai)  
Director