

Jairam Ramesh addresses meeting of forest officers

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UNION Minister of State for Forest and Environment Jairam Ramesh, who was on a tour of the State Capital, addressed a meeting of forest officers here on Wednesday evening. Forest Minister Sartaj Singh, Additional Chief Secretary Forests M K Rai, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ramesh K Dave and Secretary to the Chief Minister and Mineral Resources and officers of the Forest Department were present at the meeting.

The Forest Department made a presentation on the application of information technology in the activities of the department before the Union Minister. He was informed that how information technology was being used for taking decision, to bring about transparency, quick citizen service and for improving administrative efficiency. Through the presentation, detailed information was provided about Fire Alert Messaging System etc. Ramesh was informed that the department was making available services in the fields of Web Application Advise, Transfer of Digital Map Techniques etc to states such as Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh.

The Union Minister lauded the efforts in the field of information

and telecommunication technology by the Forest Department.

The Union Minister of State suggested at the meeting that a national level workshop on management and monitoring of Campa should be organised at Bhopal.

Representative of the honourable Supreme Court should also be invited to the workshop, he said.