

Seshan asks Jungles to submit eco-vote proposal

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Calcutta, Feb. 16: Chief Election Commissioner T. N Seshan has asked the Jungles to submit a blueprint on the concept of eco-vote. In a letter to the secretary of Jungles, Mr Raja Chatterjee, Mr Seshan said that Election Commission is thinking of introducing a system in which if any political party's takes an anti-environment stance in their campaign, disciplinary action would be initiated against them. However, Mr Chatterjee said: "We do not want to get involved with politics further."

But the Jungles have decided to campaign on the necessity of eco-vote from a non-political platform. From March 1 to 8, Mr Raja Chatterjee will be representing the Jungles, in a special hearing of the World Commission on Forests and Sustainable Development at Jakarta. In this conference, Mr Chatterjee will be focussing on the importance of eco-vote in a changing social scenario.