
Job Description: Environmental Economist & Environmental Law Practitioner

Location: Delhi (Noida)

Type: Short Term Contractual Role (6–9 months)

Number of Positions: 2 (Environmental Economist and one Environmental Law Practitioner)

About NFPRC:

The Nation First Policy Research & Change Foundation (NFPRC) is a political consultancy and policy think tank that works exclusively with Members of Parliament (MPs), political parties, and government institutions. The Centre is committed to strengthening India's parliamentary processes, legislative decision-making, and policy governance through rigorous, data-driven research and strategic advocacy.

NFPRC provides actionable insights to enable informed, evidence-based decision-making for legislators and policymakers.

Its core areas of work include:

- Daily parliamentary briefings and legislative summaries during sessions
- In-depth analyses of bills, policies, and sector-specific developments
- Preparation of question banks, draft speeches, and talking points for parliamentary debates
- Targeted support for parliamentary committees and oversight mechanisms
- Research on policy outcomes, implementation gaps, and socio-economic impacts

With a multidisciplinary team of lawyers, policy researchers, and economists, NFPRC combines procedural expertise with policy acumen to help lawmakers navigate legislative complexities and advance effective governance.

About The Project

NFPRC is constituting a dedicated, project-based team to undertake a structured, first-principles inquiry into environmental and climate policy as it applies to India. The exercise is deliberately interdisciplinary: it sits at the intersection of environmental economics, environmental law, and the political economy of regulation.

The project takes seriously the view that there is a genuine and unresolved debate among researchers on the extent to which climate change is anthropogenic, on how serious a problem it constitutes, and on whether the proposed solutions are proportionate, affordable, and effective.

The team will engage with the broad body of research and policy literature on these issues, weighing competing analyses on their merits.

Equally central is the question of sensible environmental regulation from the standpoint of clean air, clean water, and environmental protection, and how international legal frameworks in this area have evolved. The team will study how environmental regulation has evolved internationally and in India, including the relationship between pollution, regulation, and a country's stage of economic development.

Above all, the project insists on a framework built from first principles for India grounded in India's per capita income levels, its democratic evolution, and its governmental structures rather than the uncritical transplantation of international comparisons. The work involves a meta-study of the major books, different continents legislations, papers, and research on these issues, and will frame a consolidated Environmental Legislation framework.

What Would This Role Entail?

Role 1: Environmental Economist

- Build a first-principles economic framework for evaluating environmental and climate policy in the Indian context, explicitly accounting for India's per capita income, stage of development, and institutional realities.
- Conduct and synthesise a meta-study of leading economic literature on the costs and benefits of environmental and climate interventions, engaging with the full range of views in the debate.
- Undertake cost-benefit and trade-off analysis of environmental regulations relating to clean air, clean water, and emissions.
- Prepare analytical notes, policy briefs, and background papers translating economic findings into clear, actionable insights for MPs and parliamentary work.
- Contribute economic reasoning to the project and collaborate with the NFPRC consultants.

Essential Skills:

- A Master's or PhD in Economics, Environmental Economics, Public Policy (with strong economics training), developmental economics or a closely related field from a reputed institution.
- Strong applied microeconomic reasoning, with the ability to conduct cost-benefit analysis and interpret empirical and historical data.
- Demonstrated ability to engage critically and even-handedly with contested literature, including heterodox perspectives, without working from pre-settled conclusions.
- High attention to detail and strong research, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication in English, with the ability to synthesise complex analysis into concise, actionable outputs.

- Basic proficiency in spreadsheets, presentation tools and document processors.

Role 2: Environmental Law Practitioner

- Map and analyse the evolution of Indian and international environmental legal frameworks governing clean air, clean water, emissions, and environmental protection.
- Assess the adjudication framework across judicial and quasi-judicial bodies (including the National Green Tribunal and the higher judiciary) and interpret statutory provisions effectively.
- Contribute the legal and regulatory dimension to the project's first-principles framework, situated within India's democratic and constitutional structures.
- Draft high-quality analytical notes, legal briefs, and background papers, and assist in framing questions, debate pointers, and interventions for parliamentary work.
- Engage with domain experts and stakeholders to obtain informed perspectives and validate findings, and contribute to the project.

Essential Skills:

- An LL.B. from a reputed university, with 2–3 years of relevant experience in environmental law, or in real estate/projects/infrastructure legal teams. A postgraduate specialisation in environmental law is an advantage.
- A strong grounding in environmental law and the ability to interpret statutory provisions and the adjudication framework across judicial bodies effectively.
- An open, interdisciplinary mindset and willingness to engage with economic and policy literature beyond conventional legal sources.
- Excellent written and verbal communication in English, with the ability to synthesise complex analysis into concise, actionable outputs.
- Basic proficiency in spreadsheets, presentation tools and document processors.

Desirable Skills:

- Candidates with prior experience in policy research, governance advisory or public administration would be preferred.
- Familiarity with the contemporary debate on environmental and climate policy, including the work of scholars and commentators across the spectrum.
- Proficiency in research tools.
- Experience with think tanks, consulting firms, or public institutions.
- Exposure to stakeholder engagement, advocacy, or programme implementation.

Application Process

Send your CV and a cover letter to openings@nationfirstpolicy.org with the subject line "CLPG_Environmental Economist" or "CLPG_Environmental Law Consultant" indicating clearly which role you're applying for.

Remuneration:

This is a contractual role for 6–9 months, with the possibility of conversion to a full-time position based on performance and organisational needs. Salary will be competitive and in line with industry standards. Candidates with strong credentials in policy and governance are encouraged to apply. If you are committed to applying your skills to accelerate India's growth by proposing transformative land reforms and property law solutions, send your CV and cover letter to openings@nationfirstpolicy.org.