

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**ANNOUNCES AN**  
**INTERACTION MEETING ON HERPETOLOGICAL ECOLOGY**

Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi has sponsored an interaction meeting on Herpetological Ecology for augmenting and upgrading the quality of research in the country. The meeting will be organized tentatively during November 1999 at the Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

Preliminary project proposals are invited by 30 September 1999 from scientists in permanent service. All the projects received will be screened by a committee and the Principal Investigators of the selected projects will be invited to Bhubaneswar for presenting their projects before a panel of experts. The project (10 copies) may be submitted on any aspect of amphibian or reptilian ecology such as taxonomy, behaviour, food, reproduction, habitat preference, population dynamics and relative abundance, etc. in the following format:

1. Title of the project
2. Name, designation and address
3. Summary of the proposal (half page)
4. Objectives (very specific, not vague) (half page)
5. National and International status of research (one page)
6. Methodology (2-3 pages)
7. Budget (salaries, equipment, travel, contingencies, etc.)

The invited PIs will be paid travel expenditure as admissible to them in their organisation, maximum by 2 Tier AC class. Kindly send enquiries and project proposals to Prof. P. Mohanty-Hejmadi, Department of Zoology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar 751 004, Orissa.