DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES M.Sc. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

ESE462 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND LEGISLATIONS

Course Outcomes:

- CO1 Educate and give awareness to the public about the current environmental issues.
- CO2 Discuss the major environmental legislations in India.
- CO3 Understand environmental problems.

UNIT I (13 hours)

Introduction to environment, components of environment – biosphere, atmosphere, lithosphere, hydrosphere; biotic and abiotic components; environmental problems including acid rain, ozone hole, global warming, deforestation; significance of environmental education and legislations.

UNIT II (13 hours)

Environmental Education: Definition, goals, objectives, principles; environmental education programmes; formal (primary and secondary school level and tertiary level) and non-formal environmental education; environmental education for professional groups. Environmental education in India – Status and policy of environmental education – Action Plan. Environmental Institutions and NGOs.

UNIT III (13 hours)

Environmental Legislations: Water Act -1974, Air Act - 1981, Environment (Protection) Act - 1986, Cess Act - 1977, Role of Parliament, State legislatives, Government departments including Pollution Control Boards in environmental protection. Environmental Protection Agencies/Organisations.

Legislation for protection of forest and wildlife in India, Indian Forest Act - 1927, Forest Conservation Act - 1980, Biodiversity Acts, Wildlife Protection Acts, Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ), Conservation Projects.

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- 3. Asthana, D.K. and Meera Asthana, A text book of Environmental Studies, S. Chand & Co. Ltd., New Delhi.
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