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ORDER

Sub : Constitution of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) to oversee the Asean-India Cooperation Project on "Capacity Building towards Implementing the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, the City Biodiversity Index and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity"

The above mentioned project has been approved by the ASEAN Secretariat with a budget of USD 993333 for a duration of 24 months for capacity building towards implementation of Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), City Biodiversity Index and Strategic Plan for Biodiversity. The project aims to collaborate in common areas of interests on biodiversity conservation between ASEAN Member States (AMS) and India. The project administered by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, will be implemented by the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB).

2. In order to oversee the implementation of the project, and to review and monitor its progress, a Project Steering Committee (PSC) is hereby constituted with the following composition;

Sl.No.	Description	Designation on PSC
1	Special Secretary / Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI	Chairperson
2	ASEAN Lead Country Representative - Under ASEAN-India Cooperation	Co-Chairperson
3	Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority & National Project Director	Member
4	Joint Secretary (CS)	Member
5	Representative from ASEAN Secretariat	Member
6	Representative from ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	Member
7	Representative Ministry of External Affairs, GoI	Member
8.	Director-in-charge, MoEF&CC	Member
9.	Project Manager, ACB-NBA Cooperation Project	Member
10.	Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority	Member Secretary

In addition, the following officials shall be the standing special invitees for each meeting of PSC to assist in procedural/technical matters:

1. Deputy Director, MOEF dealing with biodiversity
2. Section Officer, CS.III Division, MOEF dealing with NBA and this project.
3. The PSC will be responsible for taking management decisions for implementation of the project and for holding periodic reviews. The PSC will meet twice a year, and provide required oversight and overall coordination to this project.
4. The other Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the Committee :

- a. Ensure that the project goals and objectives are achieved in the defined timeframe.
 - b. Review the project progress and suggest implementation strategies periodically.
 - c. Review the project expenditure against activities, outputs and outcome.
 - d. Approve annual and quarterly work plans and recommend corresponding budget outlays for concerned implementing entities.
 - e. Deliberate on any other project related matter and make recommendations as deemed fit.
5. The Committee may hold meetings twice a year at Delhi or Chennai or elsewhere as required.
 6. The tenure of the committee will be co-terminus with the project.
 7. The Committee may co-opt other members with required expertise as and when required.
 8. The committee may invite other major stakeholders as and when it is felt necessary.
 9. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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9. PS to (MoEFCC), PPS to Secretary (E&F), PPS to AS (Conservation)/DD(RJ)/SO(CS.III)