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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Reconstitution of Expert Committee on Medicinal Plants - reg.

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 read with Rule 11 of Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, and in suppression of this office earlier office orders issued from time to time, the "Expert Committee on Medicinal Plants" is now reconstituted as under:

	CHAIRMAN
1.	Smt. Amarjeet Ahuja IAS (Retd.), Aravali Foundation for Education
	CO-CHAIRMAN
2.	Dr. G.A. Kinhal, Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management
	MEMBERS
3.	Representative of the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Gol.
4.	Representative of the Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Gol.
5.	Chief Executive Officer, National Medicinal Plants Board (or representative)
6.	Additional Director General (WL) (or representative), MoEF, Gol.
7.	Dr. G.S. Goraya, Deputy Director General (Research), ICFRE.
8.	Deputy Director General (Horticulture), ICAR (or representative)
9.	Deputy Inspector General, (FP/FIC, FPD), MoEF, Gol.
10.	Director, National Institute of Siddha
11.	Director, National Institute of Ayurveda

12.	Director, Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (or representative)
13.	Director, ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Research
14.	Director, Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (TBGRI)
15.	Director, Botanical Survey of India (or representative)
16.	Director, FRLHT (or representative)
17.	Dr. J.R. Bhatt, Advisor, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Gol.
18.	Shri. Manoranjan Bhanja IFS, APCCF, Andhra Pradesh.
19.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Sarkar IFS (Retd.) Former APCCF, Tamil Nadu
20.	Shri. Brij Mohan Sharma IFS, Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
21.	Dr. Gopal S Rawat, Scientist-G, Wildlife Institute of India
22.	Shri. R. Muthuraj, Director (Foreign Trade), MoC, New Delhi.
23.	Shri. MKS Pasha, Associate Director, WWF-TRAFFIC India
24.	Dr. M. Sanjappa, CSIR Emeritus Scientist, UAS, Bangalore
25.	Dr. N Sasidharan, Scientist, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Kerala.
26.	Director, Keystone Foundation (or representative).

Focal Point - Shri. T. Rabikumar IFS, Secretary, NBA.


2. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee shall be as under:-

- (a) To periodically review the lists of species (including Medicinal Plants) notified u/s 38 of the BD Act and to render advice on technical, techno-legal and operational aspects to National Biodiversity Authority on the gazette notifications issued by the MoEFCC.
- (b) To obtain, collate, consolidate and recommend list of species (including Medicinal Plants) which is on the verge of extinction or likely to become extinct in the near future as threatened species and to propose appropriate rehabilitation measures for the preservation of those species.
- (c) To address the issue of multiple lists of threatened taxa (including medicinal plants) prepared by different agencies such as Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT), and Convention on International Trade in Endangered

Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and reconcile the same with IUCN Red List categories and criteria in the specific context of Section 38 of BD Act.

- (d) To suggest way and means of threat assessment strategies for medicinal plants of conservation concern as well as to suggest institutions to undertake such assessment
 - (e) To explore ways and means for safeguarding the traditional knowledge related to the medicinal plants as available in oral traditions documented including through People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs).
 - (f) To profile in consultation with stakeholders, the roles, responsibilities and programmatic themes of different Ministries, Departments, Boards, and Authorities of the Govt. of India in respect of the management of medicinal plant resources viz conservation, cultivation, health security, intellectual property rights (IPR), access and benefit sharing (ABS), scientific repositories, research & development (R&D) and trade.
 - (g) To provide recommendations to NBA on any other issue involving medicinal plants.
 - (h) Any other issue as relevant based on outcomes of items (a) to (g) above
3. The NBA may amend the ToRS, if required in consultation with the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Committee.
 4. The tenure of the committee is Six Months from the date of issue of this order.
 5. The Focal Point of the Committee & Secretary, NBA shall convene EC meetings anywhere in India, in consultation with the Chairman/Co-Chairman of EC.
 6. The guidelines for the Expert Committee shall be as referred to in the Annexure.


This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(T. Rabikumar)
Secretary, NBA.

Annexure

Guidelines for the Expert Committee

1. The Expert Committees are being constituted mainly to advise NBA on technical, techno-legal, administrative, scientific, statutory and miscellaneous matters as NBA do not have the required in-house expertise and experience in various disciplines. The role of Expert Committee is more or less similar to that of '*Amicus Curiae*' in the court of Law.
2. The Chairman/Co-Chairman of the committee is empowered to invite/seek opinion of experts/special invitees and others as they deem fit. In the absence of designated Chairman of the Expert Committee/Prior intimation of the Chairman for leave of absence, the Co-Chairman shall conduct the proceeding of the EC.
3. The Chairman/Co-Chairman, Members and Special Invitees are entitled to be paid certain amount in rupees as sitting fees per day fixed from time to time. When travel/tour is to be undertaken, the members/special invitees are entitled to a payment for AC taxi fare as per rules in force or as per actual payment whichever is less. All the members/special invitees are eligible for Air travel by Air India (Economy Class) wherever connected.
4. The travel cost by Air/Train/Road Mileage, etc., shall be reimbursed to the Chairperson, Co-Chair, members and special invitees on production of the tickets/vouchers/boarding pass etc., in a prescribed TA bill provided by NBA. The NBA shall provide boarding, lodging and local transportation during the time of meeting.
5. The Chairman/Co-Chairman are entitled for re-imbursement of telephone/mobile/internet charges etc, upon self declaration (no bills to be produced), incurred towards Committee work. A ceiling of Rs.2000 is fixed to be claimed during every meeting.
6. In case of necessity and to facilitate smooth functioning of the Expert Committee, the NBA may amend the guidelines of the EC.


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CORRIGENDUM

In exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the National Biodiversity Authority makes the following modification to the Office Order File No.No.2/33-2008/Admn.NBA/336-366 dated 5th May, 2015 in respect of Member of the Expert Committee on Medicinal Plants, sl.no.23 of the Office Order, which states as given below;

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