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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Reconstitution of an Expert Committee on Red Sanders to review the implementation of earlier recommendations made by the Expert committee in its report on "Comprehensive policy on conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from utilization of Red Sanders" and suggest modifications thereof in the light of sale of Red Sanders from private /farmers' holdings- reg.

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5. In the above circumstances, the Expert Committee is herewith reconstituted to review the implementation of earlier recommendations made by the EC in its report on *"Comprehensive policy on conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of Red Sanders"* and suggest modifications and way forward thereof, as under:

6. This order is issued in partial modification of O/o no. NBA/Tech/EC/9/15/23/23-24/ dated 05.09.2023.

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27.	Shri. R. Hemanth Kumar, IFS (Retd.), Former PCCF, Monitoring and Working Plans, Uttar Pradesh
28.	Dr. Mathen 'Rajeev' Mathew, Wildlife Consultant, Former Expert Member of Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board & Expert Member of Telangana State Wildlife Board
29.	Dr. Shailaja Rabindranath, Former Regional Director of Centre for Environment Education, Bangalore.
30.	Dr. K. Ravikumar, Emeritus Professor, FRLHT –TDU, Bangalore, Karnataka

❖ **Focal Point & Convener:** Dr. B. Balaji, IFS., Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai

❖ **Coordinator:** Dr. K. P. Raghuram, Technical Officer (Benefit Sharing), NBA, Chennai

II. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee shall be as under

- (a) To review the action taken on the recommendations made by the expert committee in its earlier report and suggest the way forward.
- (b) To identify the gaps in the recommendations based on the experience gained on utilization of benefit sharing amount by different stakeholders and suggest holistic measures for utilizing the benefit sharing amount to protect and conserve the Red Sanders.
- (c) To consider the following while reviewing the earlier recommendations:
 - i). Streamlining and simplifying the procedure for processing of applications related to cultivated and confiscated Red Sander Wood. The procedure should

be evolved differently for cultivated and confiscated Red Sanders wood.

- ii). To suggest modalities on thrust areas (Applied) of the research project proposals on Red Sanders for extending financial support by NBA
- iii). Modalities for utilizing the benefit sharing component realized by NBA/SBB on the access to Red Sanders wood, in accordance with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Rules, and their amendments and suggest modifications, wherever required. Decisions of the Authority may be studied.
- (d) To suggest measures for creating awareness and capacity building for protection and conservation of Red Sanders amongst different stakeholders.
- (e) To develop a framework for the conduct of International conference on Red Sanders & Biodiversity of Eastern Ghats for two to three days at Tirupati.
- (f) In consultation with the Chairman, NBA, the Chair, Co-chair are authorized to undertake field visits to forest areas/plantation areas including private plantations of Red Sanders in different states, with selected members to get first-hand information. Discretion to select a few official & non-official members lies with the Chair and co-chair for field visits.
- (g) To collect the extent of area under Red Sanders on Private /farmers' fields in each State/Union Territory and categories age of plantations upto 10 yrs, 11-20 yrs, 21-30 yrs, 31-40 yrs, 41-50 yrs, beyond 50 yrs. This information will be annexed to the report.
- (h) To submit a "Comprehensive report on the protection, conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of Red Sanders".

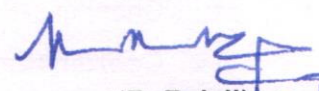
III. The guidelines for the Expert Committee shall be as referred to in Annexure.

IV. The NBA may at its discretion amend the ToRs, if required.

V. The tenure of the committee shall be for a period of **Eight Months** from the date of its constitution (ie., **5th September 2023**) and may be extended, if necessary.

VI. The recommendations of Expert Committee are not binding on NBA.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

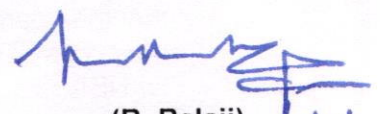

(B. Balaji)
Secretary, NBA 16/9/23

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are issued for proper conduct of the meetings to achieve the expected outcomes.

- 1) The expert committees are being constituted mainly to advise NBA on technical, technological, administrative, scientific, statutory and miscellaneous matters as NBA does 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 Chair of the EC is authorized to decide the mode of the meeting to be convened either physical or through virtual mode or Hybrid mode.
- 3) The Chair and Co-chair of the Committee are authorized to form sub-committees to draft specific chapters etc., and select amongst its members to deal with various matters requiring experience & special knowledge. Those who write chapters or contribute actively in compiling information will be paid work day allowance by NBA on the recommendation of Chair of EC. However, NBA shall pay amount as per its discretion. This is in addition to sitting fees.
- 4) The Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Secretary, NBA can (1) invite additional experts in the subject matter, if required to the meeting of EC as special invitees, (2) to hold or conduct meeting in any part of India, if it is deemed fit, to expedite the task assigned in consultation with NBA.
- 5) The Chair and Co-chair of the Committee are authorized to select a few members to form a delegation to meet Chief Secretaries, Addl. Chief Secretaries etc., & Hon'ble State Ministers of Forest & Environment as and when undertaken with the prior approval of Chairman, NBA.
- 6) The Chairman and members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting at the fixed venue and time. The NBA will arrange transport from Airport / Railway station / bus stand to and from the venue of the meeting.
- 7) In respect of non-official members, the travel cost by Air (economy class) / train (AC I class / AC II tier), incurred by the Chairman, Co-chair and the non-official members / special invitees shall be reimbursed on production of the tickets and boarding pass along with bills in the prescribed format provided by NBA. The lodging and boarding will be provided by the NBA. The AC taxi fare will be reimbursed as and when the bill is produced with TA-Bill. Alternatively, road mileage will be paid based on declaration of Kms.
- 8) The travel cost (Air fare & road journey) to reach Chennai & back of official members of EC shall be borne by their parent organizations. However, if official members give a declaration that their parent organization is not willing to incur travel cost, then NBA shall reimburse the travel cost. The local lodging & boarding logistics i.e., transport cost at Chennai will be borne by NBA.
- 9) As per the directions issued by the Ministry of Finance vide O.M. no. No. 19024/03/2021-E. IV, dated 16.06.2022, the Members are required to purchase the ticket from three authorized travel agents viz. M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Company limited (BLCL), M/s. Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC). The submission of boarding pass shall be mandatory for reimbursement by the NBA.
- 10) As per OM. No.: C-12025/3/2022-CS.III dated 15.03.2022 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Chair, Co-Chair are entitled for Rs.6000/per day of sitting and all members of the EC may be entitled for Rs.4000/per day of sitting.

- 11) The Chairman and members may preferably arrive at the city of venue one day in advance before the scheduled date of meeting.
- 12) The committee is requested to submit the proceedings / summary of discussions to the NBA duly authenticated by all the members. In order to finalize and submit proceedings / summary of the meeting on the same day, outstation members are requested to plan their return journey on the next day of the meeting. Under exceptional circumstances the Chairman may get the proceedings / summary of discussions finalized at later dates and send the document to NBA duly authenticated by all members who were present in the meeting. In such case, a lump sum of Rs.3000/- will be paid to the Chairman to meet the postal expenses, mobile, internet charges and cost of secretarial assistance at his place of stay. For payment of lump sum, a simple declaration certificate to the effect that the expenditure has been incurred for the above purpose has to be furnished by the Chairman.
- 13) In the absence of Chairman, the Co-Chair will conduct the proceedings of the meeting.
- 14) The committee is requested to kindly go through the subject area and refer BD Act 2002 and Rules made thereunder, the Guidelines on access to biological resources and / or associated knowledge regulations, 2014, relevant laws, scientific articles, and books, browse internet to facilitate lively and useful discussion on the subject. A copy (soft-copy) of the previous report submitted by the EC will be shared. All members are requested to go through the previous Report submitted by the EC.
- 15) The Chairman and members may kindly exchange notes and views through internet on the subject area to be discussed during the meeting.
- 16) Given the sensitivity and nature of deliberations of the Committee, members are requested not to engage in any bilateral discussion with the non-members regarding to subject matter. However, they can collect information from non-members working in similar autonomous and statutory bodies that may be useful for the expert committee.
- 17) The Secretary, NBA is authorized to invite any other experts/professionals to the meetings of the expert committee as special invitees, after taking prior approval of the Chairman, NBA.
- 18) The Chair and Co-chair are authorized to conduct meetings anywhere in India in consultation with the Secretary, NBA.
- 19) The Chairman, NBA may include additional members in to the EC, as appropriate.
- 20) The Chairman, NBA reserves the right to disband the committee without assigning any reason.
- 21) This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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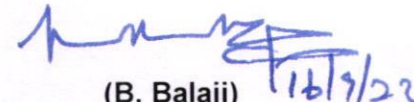
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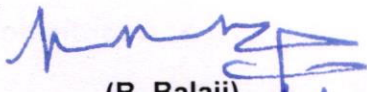
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II. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee shall be as under

- (a) To review the action taken on the recommendations made by the expert committee in its earlier report and suggest the way forward.
- (b) To identify the gaps in the recommendations based on the experience gained on utilization of benefit sharing amount by different stakeholders and suggest holistic measures for utilizing the benefit sharing amount to protect and conserve the Red Sanders.
- (c) To consider the following while reviewing the earlier recommendations:
 - i). Streamlining and simplifying the procedure for processing of applications related to cultivated and confiscated Red Sander Wood. The procedure should be evolved differently for cultivated and confiscated Red Sanders wood.
 - ii). To suggest modalities on thrust areas (Applied) of the research project proposals on Red Sanders for extending financial support by NBA

- iii). Modalities for utilizing the benefit sharing component realized by NBA/SBB on the access to Red Sanders wood, in accordance with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Rules, and their amendments and suggest modifications, wherever required. Decisions of the Authority may be studied.
- (d) To suggest measures for creating awareness and capacity building for protection and conservation of Red Sanders amongst different stakeholders.
- (e) To develop a framework for the conduct of International conference on Red Sanders & Biodiversity of Eastern Ghats for two to three days at Tirupati.
- (f) In consultation with the Chairman, NBA, the Chair, Co-chair are authorized to undertake field visits to forest areas/plantation areas including private plantations of Red Sanders in different states, with selected members to get first-hand information. Discretion to select a few official & non-official members lies with the Chair and co-chair for field visits.
- (g) To collect the extent of area under Red Sanders on Private /farmers' fields in each State/Union Territory and categories age of plantations upto 10 yrs, 11-20 yrs, 21-30 yrs, 31-40 yrs, 41-50 yrs, beyond 50 yrs. This information will be annexed to the report.
- (h) To submit a "Comprehensive report on the protection, conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of Red Sanders".
- III. The guidelines for the Expert Committee shall be as referred to in Annexure.
- IV. The NBA may at its discretion amend the ToRs, if required.
- V. The tenure of the committee shall be for a period of **Eight Months** from the date of its constitution and may be extended, if necessary.
- VI. The recommendations of Expert Committee are not binding on NBA.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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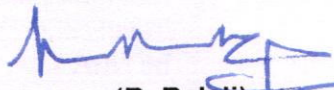


GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are issued for proper conduct of the meetings to achieve the expected outcomes.

- 1) The expert committees are being constituted mainly to advise NBA on technical, technological, administrative, scientific, statutory and miscellaneous matters as NBA does 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 Chair of the EC is authorized to decide the mode of the meeting to be convened either physical or through virtual mode or Hybrid mode.
- 3) The Chair and Co-chair of the Committee are authorized to form sub-committees to draft specific chapters etc., and select amongst its members to deal with various matters requiring experience & special knowledge. Those who write chapters or contribute actively in compiling information will be paid work day allowance by NBA on the recommendation of Chair of EC. However, NBA shall pay amount as per its discretion. This is in addition to sitting fees.
- 4) The Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Secretary, NBA can (1) invite additional experts in the subject matter, if required to the meeting of EC as special invitees, (2) to hold or conduct meeting in any part of India, if it is deemed fit, to expedite the task assigned in consultation with NBA.
- 5) The Chair and Co-chair of the Committee are authorized to select a few members to form a delegation to meet Chief Secretaries, Addl. Chief Secretaries etc., & Hon'ble State Ministers of Forest & Environment as and when undertaken with the prior approval of Chairman, NBA.
- 6) The Chairman and members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting at the fixed venue and time. The NBA will arrange transport from Airport / Railway station / bus stand to and from the venue of the meeting.
- 7) In respect of non-official members, the travel cost by Air (economy class) / train (AC I class / AC II tier), incurred by the Chairman, Co-chair and the non-official members / special invitees shall be reimbursed on production of the tickets and boarding pass along with bills in the prescribed format provided by NBA. The lodging and boarding will be provided by the NBA. The AC taxi fare will be reimbursed as and when the bill is produced with TA-Bill. Alternatively, road mileage will be paid based on declaration of Kms.
- 8) The travel cost (Air fare & road journey) to reach Chennai & back of official members of EC shall be borne by their parent organizations. However, if official members give a declaration that their parent organization is not willing to incur travel cost, then NBA shall reimburse the travel cost. The local lodging & boarding logistics i.e., transport cost at Chennai will be borne by NBA.
- 9) As per the directions issued by the Ministry of Finance vide O.M. no. No. 19024/03/2021-E. IV, dated 16.06.2022, the Members are required to purchase the ticket from three authorized travel agents viz. M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Company limited (BLCL), M/s. Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC). The submission of boarding pass shall be mandatory for reimbursement by the NBA.
- 10) As per OM. No.: C-12025/3/2022-CS.III dated 15.03.2022 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Chair, Co-Chair are entitled for Rs.6000/per day of sitting and all members of the EC may be entitled for Rs.4000/per day of sitting.

- 11) The Chairman and members may preferably arrive at the city of venue one day in advance before the scheduled date of meeting.
- 12) The committee is requested to submit the proceedings / summary of discussions to the NBA duly authenticated by all the members. In order to finalize and submit proceedings / summary of the meeting on the same day, outstation members are requested to plan their return journey on the next day of the meeting. Under exceptional circumstances the Chairman may get the proceedings / summary of discussions finalized at later dates and send the document to NBA duly authenticated by all members who were present in the meeting. In such case, a lump sum of Rs.3000/- will be paid to the Chairman to meet the postal expenses, mobile, internet charges and cost of secretarial assistance at his place of stay. For payment of lump sum, a simple declaration certificate to the effect that the expenditure has been incurred for the above purpose has to be furnished by the Chairman.
- 13) In the absence of Chairman, the Co-Chair will conduct the proceedings of the meeting.
- 14) The committee is requested to kindly go through the subject area and refer BD Act 2002 and Rules made thereunder, the Guidelines on access to biological resources and / or associated knowledge regulations, 2014, relevant laws, scientific articles, and books, browse internet to facilitate lively and useful discussion on the subject. A copy (soft-copy) of the previous report submitted by the EC will be shared. All members are requested to go through the previous Report submitted by the EC.
- 15) The Chairman and members may kindly exchange notes and views through internet on the subject area to be discussed during the meeting.
- 16) Given the sensitivity and nature of deliberations of the Committee, members are requested not to engage in any bilateral discussion with the non-members regarding to subject matter. However, they can collect information from non-members working in similar autonomous and statutory bodies that may be useful for the expert committee.
- 17) The Secretary, NBA is authorized to invite any other experts/professionals to the meetings of the expert committee as special invitees, after taking prior approval of the Chairman, NBA.
- 18) The Chair and Co-chair are authorized to conduct meetings anywhere in India in consultation with the Secretary, NBA.
- 19) The Chairman, NBA may include additional members in to the EC, as appropriate.
- 20) The Chairman, NBA reserves the right to disband the committee without assigning any reason.
- 21) This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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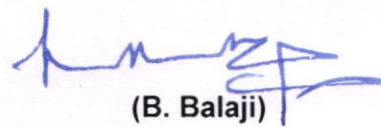
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