



# National Biodiversity Authority

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

- Sub:** Constitution of Monitoring Committee for overseeing the quality of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) by evolving a suitable mechanism – regarding
- Ref:** Office Memorandum No. C-12027/6/2016-CS III dated 15/01/2020 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, CS-III (Biodiversity) Division.

Section 41(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 states that, "Every local body shall constitute a Biodiversity Management Committee within its area for the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity including preservation of habitats, conservation of land races, folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals and microorganisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity."

2. As per Rule 22(6) of the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, the main function of the Biodiversity Management Committee is to prepare People's Biodiversity Register in consultation with local people. The Register shall contain comprehensive information on availability and knowledge of local biological resources, their medicinal or any other use or any other traditional knowledge associated with them. The People's Biodiversity Registers shall be maintained and validated by the Bio-diversity Management Committee.

3. People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs)) are statutory technical documents that capture all the details of biological resources and associated knowledge available in the jurisdiction of the local body. Any person or entity accessing these biological resources or associated knowledge for research / bio-survey / bio-utilization / commercial utilization, are under obligation to share a portion of their benefit to the local communities to help in the conservation and sustainable availability of these resources.

4. Preparation of PBRs require technical expertise at various stages. Compiling and collating the biological resources requires a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. Therefore, a general awareness is required amongst local bodies for decision making in the use of biological resources available in their jurisdiction.

5. The Principal Bench of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide Order dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in OA No. 347 of 2016 had issued instructions to constitute a monitoring Committee to oversee the quality of PBRs on sample basis by evolving a suitable mechanism.

6. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Office Memorandum referred above, has constituted two Committees which will monitor the quality of PBRs.

7. The Committees would be as follows:-

A. **Monitoring Committee – I** for States / Union Territories – Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Diu and Daman, Lakshadweep and Puducherry is as below:

| S.No. | Name                | Designation / Organisation                | Chairperson / Members |
|-------|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1     | Dr. S.K. Khanduri   | Ex-PCCF, Kerala                           | Chairperson           |
| 2     | Dr. Joseph Bagyaraj | Microbiologist and Honorary Scientist     | Member                |
| 3     | Dr.Oomen V Oomen    | Ex -Chairman, SBB, Kerala                 | Member                |
| 4     | Dr. D. Narasimhan   | Retd. Professor, Madras Christian College | Member                |
| 5     | Dr. Ramakrishna     | Ex-Director, ZSI                          | Member                |
| 6     | Dr. V.G. Malathi    | Ex-Principal Scientist, ICAR              | Member                |

B. **Monitoring Committee – II** for States / Union Territories – Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Haryana, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh is as below:

| S.No. | Name                | Designation / Organisation                                       | Chairperson / Members |
|-------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1     | Dr.R.B.S. Rawat     | Ex-PCCF, Uttarakhand   | Chairperson           |
| 2     | Dr. A.K. Gupta      | Ex- PCCF, Tripura  | Member                |
| 3     | Shri R.R. Shukla    | Ex-PCCF, Kerala  | Member                |
| 4     | Shri Arakkal Ashraf | Ex-PCCF and Ex Member Secretary, Maharashtra SBB                 | Member                |
| 5     | Dr. P.K. Singh      | Principal Scientist, National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources | Member                |
| 6     | Dr.M. Sanjappa      | Ex-Director, BSI   | Member                |
| 7     | Dr.NeelimaJerath    | Ex-Member Secretary, Punjab SBB & DG, Science City, Kapurthala   | Member                |

8. The Secretary, NBA would serve as Member Secretary for both the committees.

9. The Monitoring Committees would have the following terms of reference:
- i. To oversee the quality of PBRs on sample basis by evolving a suitable mechanism;
  - ii. To interact with relevant stakeholders who are involved in the preparation of PBRs or as it deems fit;
  - iii. To submit report to NBA every three months. The first report is to be submitted on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020;
10. The tenure of the Committee shall be for a period of two years from the date of its constitution. The NBA may amend the TORs, if required.
11. The guidelines for the Committee shall be as referred to in Annexure I.
12. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.



(J.JUSTIN MOHAN, IFS)

Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority.

To

1. All Members of the Committee (as per Annexure II)
2. All Chairman's of State Biodiversity Boards
3. All Member Secretaries of State Biodiversity Boards
4. Private Secretary to Chairman, NBA
5. Administrative Officer, NBA
6. Accounts Officer, NBA
7. Guard File

## ANNEXURE – I

### GUIDELINES

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

1. Committees are being constituted mainly to advise NBA on technical, techno-legal, administrative, scientific, statutory and miscellaneous matters. The role of the Committee is more or less similar to that of 'Amicus Curiae' in the Court of Law.
2. Chairman/Member Secretary of the Committee are empowered to invite/seek opinion of experts/special invitees, academicians and others as they deem fit.
3. The Chairman and members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting at the fixed venue and time. The NBA / State Biodiversity Board (SBB) will arrange transport from Airport / Railway station / bus stand to and from the venue of the meeting.
4. The travel of cost by Air (Air India - economy class) / train (AC-II Tier) / road mileage etc., incurred by the Chairman and the members / invitees will be reimbursed on production of the tickets / boarding pass along with bills in the prescribed format provided by NBA/SBB. The lodging and boarding will be provided by the NBA/SBB.
5. As per the directions issued by the Ministry of Finance vide O.M. no. No.19024/2212017-E. IV, dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, 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), or tickets may be booked directly from the Airlines.
6. The Chairman of the committee is entitled for an amount of Rs.6000/- as sitting fee per day. Members and other invitees are entitled for an amount of Rs.4000/- as sitting fee per day.
7. As per OM. No. 19047/10/2016-E-IV dt 12/4/2017 issued by Ministry of Finance, non-official members alone are entitled to draw sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Expert Committee. The definition of Non-official members as per OM are as follows: "*For the purpose of grant of sitting fee only such persons are to be considered as non-officials who are not employed in any institution / organisation / body funded by the Central Government*".

8. The committee is requested to submit a quarterly report to the NBA duly authenticated by all the members. The NBA in turn shall furnish the report to the MoEF&CC. In order to finalize and submit the report, a lump sum of Rs.5,000/- will be paid to the Chairman per quarter, to meet the postal expenses, mobile, internet charges and cost of secretarial assistance at his place of stay on request. For payment of lump sum, a self-declared certificate to the effect that the expenditure has been incurred for the above purpose has to be furnished by the Chairman.
  
9. The committee shall oversee the PBR preparation in accordance with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the Rules / Regulations / Guidelines framed thereunder.
  
10. The Chairman and members shall exchange notes and views on the subject matter to be discussed during the meeting / field visit. Given the sensitivity and nature of deliberations of the Committee, members are requested not to engage in any bilateral discussion with non-members regarding the subject matter.

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## ANNEXURE – II

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