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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Constitution of an Expert Committee on Red Sanders for developing comprehensive policy on conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits – reg.

In exercise of 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 pursuant to the decision taken in the 32nd Authority meeting of NBA under item No.32.07, an Expert Committee for developing a comprehensive policy on conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of benefits with regard to Red Sanders is being constituted as under:

CHAIRMAN	Shri B. Vijayan, IAS (Retd.)
CO-CHAIR	Shri B. Somasekhara Reddy, IFS (Retd.)
MEMBERS	
1	A Representative of Director General of Forest & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department or his representative
3	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu Forest Department or his representative
4	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karnataka Forest Department or his representative
5	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana Forest Department or his Representative
6	A representative of Director General, Indian Council of Forest Research Institute Dehradun or his representative.

7	A Representative of Director General of Foreign Trade Policy, New Delhi
8	A Representative of Director General of Revenue Intelligence, New Delhi
9	Shri Richard D'Souza IFS, PCCF (Retd), Panaji, Goa.
10	The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Chennai
11	The Additional Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
12	A Representative of Director General of Police, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
13	The Director, Institute of Forest Genetic and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore or his representative
14	The Director, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore or his representative.
15	A Representative of Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs, New Delhi
16	A Representative of Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation, Hyderabad
17	Shri C.Achalender Reddy, IFS, Former Secretary, NBA and Managing Director, Goa Forest Development Corporation, Panaji, Goa
18	Ms Mita Banerjee, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (Research), Kolapakkam, Chennai.
19	The Director, Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad or his representative.
20	The Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, Hyderabad
21	The Member Secretary, Tamilnadu Biodiversity Board, Chennai
22	The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Biodiversity Board, Bangalore
23	The Member Secretary, Telangana State Biodiversity Board
24	Shri Mathen Rajeev Mathew, Expert member, Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board
25	Dr. Padma Venkat, Director, Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore.
26	Dr. Shailaja Rabindranath, Regional Director, Centre for Environment Education Karnataka, Bangalore, Karnataka.

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

2. The committee may develop a comprehensive policy covering the following matters:

- A. modalities for utilizing the benefit sharing component realised by NBA/SBB on the sale of Red Sanders wood, in accordance with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004.

- B. frame work for conserving the Red Sanders through various stakeholders including the Forest Department, State Biodiversity Boards, Biodiversity Management Committees, etc, and also explore the research activities required in this regard.
 - C. measures for protection, conservation and sustainable use of Red sanders.
 - D. Measures for preventing the illegal trafficking on Red Sanders by linking the various Government organizations/Departments i.e. Revenue, Forest, and Police Departments at State and District levels, etc.
 - E. Identification of utilization of Red sanders by different sectors in and outside India and their potential market value.
 - F. steps for awareness creation and capacity building for protection of Red Sanders.
- 3. The committee may invite Experts and Scientists as special invitees to the meetings, if required.
 - 4. The committee may hold its meetings anywhere in India.
 - 5. The committee shall develop a farmer friendly regulatory framework based on the interaction with the farmers, public representatives etc, if required.
 - 6. The Chairman, EC may constitute Sub-Committees to deal with certain subject matters, if required.
 - 7. The NBA may amend the ToRs, if required.
 - 8. The tenure of the committee shall be for a period of six months from the date of its constitution and may be extended, if necessary.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(T. Rabikumar)
Secretary, NBA


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, techno-legal, administrative, scientific, statutory 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 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.
3. The travel cost by Air (Air India - economy class) / train / road mileage etc., incurred by the Chairman and the members / Special invitees will 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.
4. Whenever travel / tour is undertaken, the members are entitled to road mileage as per Government Rules. Whenever travelling in group, they may hire A/C Bus for field visits. All are eligible to travel by Air (Air India- economy class) to the places connected by Air India and by private airlines to other places not connected by Air India as envisaged in the Ministry of Civil Aviation O.M. dated 27th February 2014. All other miscellaneous expenditure towards stationery, photocopying, purchase of manuals, Rules, books, tea, snacks, any unforeseen expenditure like medicines etc. incurred by the members during their field trips shall be reimbursed by the NBA, based on the certificate/bills given by the member.
5. The Chairman and Co-chair of the committee are entitled for an amount of Rs.3000/- as sitting fee per day. Members and other invitees are entitled for an amount of Rs.2000/- as sitting fee per day.
6. The Chairman and members may preferably arrive at the city of venue one day in advance before the scheduled date of meeting.
7. The committee is requested to submit the proceedings / minutes to the NBA duly authenticated by all the members. In order to finalize and submit proceedings / minutes 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 / minutes 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 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.

8. The NBA shall provide secretarial assistance and stationery, etc., if minutes/proceedings of the Expert Committee is finalized at Chennai.
9. In the absence of Chairman, the Co-Chair will conduct the proceeding of the meeting.
10. The committee is requested to kindly go through the subject area and refer BD Act 2002 and Rules and Access and Benefit Sharing Guidelines made thereunder, relevant laws, scientific articles, and books, browse internet to facilitate lively and useful discussion on the subject.
11. The Chairman and members may kindly exchange notes and views through internet on the subject area to be discussed during the meeting.

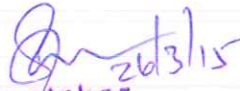

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CORRIGENDUM

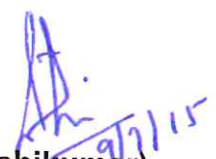
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Ref: Office Order No: NBA/Tech/EC/9/14/9/15/15-16/4612, dated 26th March, 2015.

In pursuance of the decisions taken in the first meeting of the Expert Committee on Red Sanders held on 18th April 2015 at NBA, Chennai. Office, the following amendments are being made in the Office Order referred to above.

1. **Shri Murali Krishna, IFS**, Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Vigilance), Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, Hyderabad is included as a Member of the Expert Committee as he represented the PCCF (Head of the Forest Force), AP Forest Department in the earlier meetings.
2. **Dr. K. Ravikumar**, Assistant Director, Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine, Bangalore in the place of **Dr. Padma Venkat**, Director, Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine Foundation of Revitalization of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore
2. The composition of the Committee and other terms and conditions will remain same as per the Office order dated 6th March, 2015.

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