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Dated, 28, August, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub.: Constitution of the "Uttarakhand State Level Monitoring Committee" for overseeing the quality of Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBRs) in Uttarakhand.

Ref.: D.O. No. NBA/15/30/2019/SBB/NGT/2367 dated 08.11.2019 of the Chairman National Biodiversity Authority.

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.

Preparation of PBRs requires 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.

The Principal Bench of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide Order dated 9th 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.

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

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have constituted
State level
PBR Monitoring
Committee.
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7. The Committee would be as follows:-

Uttarakhand State Level PBR Monitoring Committee

S.No.	Name/ Designation	Organisation	Chairperson / Members
1.	Shri STS Lepcha <i>IFS</i>	MD, Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation (Retd.)	Chairman
2.	Dr. B.S. Adhikari Scientist-G	Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member
3.	Dr. Gaurav Sharma Scientist-E	ZSI, Dehradun	Member
4.	Smt. Madhu Thapliyal Associate Professor & Head Department, Zoology	GPGC Maldevta Raipur Dehradun	Member
5.	Dr. Puneet Kumar, Scientist-C	BSI, Dehradun	Member
6.	Shri Sanjay Sondhi	Titli Trust, Dehradun	Member
7.	Member Secretary	Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board, Dehradun	Secretary

8. The Member-Secretary, UBB will serve as Secretary of the committee.

9. The Monitoring Committee would have the following terms of references:

- 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 UBB every three months.

10. The UBB may amend the ToRs, if required.

11. The Guidelines for the committee shall be as referred to in **Annexure-I**

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Member Secretary
Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board,
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ANNEXURE – I

GUIDELINES

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

1. Committee is being constituted mainly to advice UBB on technical, techno-legal, administrative, scientific, statutory and miscellaneous matters and to monitor and evaluate the quality and process of the preparation of PBRs in the state of Uttarakhand.
2. Chairperson/Secretary of the Committee are empowered to invite/seek opinion of experts/special invitees, academicians and others as they deem fit.
3. The Chairperson and members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting at the fixed venue and time. The UBB will arrange transport from to and from the venue of the meeting. For online meeting of the committee, necessary arrangements will be made by the Member-Secretary, UBB.
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 UBB. The lodging and boarding will be provided by the UBB.
5. The Chairperson of the committee is entitled for an amount of ₹4,000/- as sitting fee per day. Members and other invitees are entitled for an amount of ₹3,000/- as sitting fee per day.
6. The Committee is requested to submit a quarterly report to the UBB duly authenticated by all the members. The UBB in turn shall furnish the report to NBA. In order to finalize and submit the report, a lump-sum of ₹5,000/- will be paid by the Chairman per quarter, to meet the postal expenses, mobile, internet charges, and the cost of secretarial assistant and 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.
7. The committee shall oversee the PBR preparation in accordance with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the Rules / Regulations / Guidelines issued by NBA, directions issued by Hon'ble NGT from time to time and the Uttarakhand Biodiversity Rules, 2015.
8. The Chairperson 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.