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**OFFICE ORDER**

**Sub: Reconstitution of the Expert Committee on Agro biodiversity - reg.**

**Ref: No.NBA/2/82/Admin/EC/09/17-18/30368, dt. 04<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**

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 all preceding orders on this subject, an Expert Committee on Agro-biodiversity to deal with issues relating to agriculture and make recommendations thereof is reconstituted as under:

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Dr.K.V Prabhu</b> , Chairman, Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers Rights Authority, New Delhi	
<b>Co-Chair</b>	<b>Dr. P. Santhanakrishnan</b> , Former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and Former Pro-Chancellor, Atmiya University, Coimbatore	
<b>MEMBERS</b>		
1	<b>The Joint Secretary or his Nominee</b>	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, new Delhi
2	<b>The Deputy Director General (Crop Science)</b>	Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
3	<b>The Executive Director or his Nominee</b>	M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai

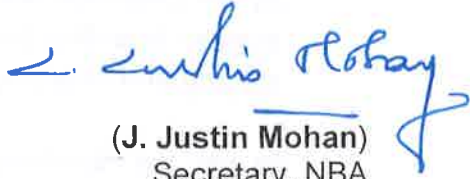
4	A representative	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University , Coimbatore
5	A representative	Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chénnai
6	The Chief Executive Officer or his representative	National Medicinal Plants Board, Department of AYUSH
7	The Director or his representative	National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), ICAR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
8	The Director or his representative	National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR), Karnal
9	The Director or his representative	National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), (ICAR), Lucknow
10	The Director or his representative	National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms (NBAIM), Lucknow
11	The Director or his representative	National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Insects (NBAIR), Bangalore
12	Dr. Satyabrata Maiti	Former Director, ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Research (DMAPR), Anand
13	Dr A.V.Balasubramanian	Director, Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (CIKS), Chennai
<b>Member Convener</b>		
14	Shri Justin Mohan, IFS	Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai

## 2. Terms of Reference of the Committee shall be as under

- a) To suggest ways and means to mainstream biodiversity concerns in the agriculture sector to ensure conservation, sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing arising out of use of biological resources.
- b) To develop criteria for identification of areas rich in agro-biodiversity for declaration as Biodiversity Heritage Sites.
- c) To examine the "Guidelines for International Collaboration Research Projects involving Transfer or exchange of Biological Resources or information relating thereto" issued in 2006 by the MoEFCC under section 5 of the BD Act.
- d) To examine the issues pertaining to seed sector vis-à-vis implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

- e) To suggest ways to conserve threatened native varieties of plants and livestock of agricultural importance.
3. The committee can invite experts to the meetings whenever required as special invitee with the permission of NBA.
4. Committee may form sub-committees within the EC, as and when required, to discuss and suitable recommendations on the issues.
5. The NBA may amend the ToRs, if required.
6. **The tenure of the committee shall be ONE YEAR from the date of issue of this order.**
7. The guidelines for the Expert Committee shall be as referred to in Annexure.

This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(J. Justin Mohan)  
Secretary, NBA

## GUIDELINES

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

1. The expert committees are being constituted mainly to advise NBA on technical, techno-legal, 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 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 / invitees will be reimbursed on production of the tickets / boarding pass along with bills in the prescribed format provided by NBA. The lodging and boarding will be provided by the NBA.
4. 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.
5. The Chairman and Co-chair of the committee are 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.
6. 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*".
7. The Chairman and members may preferably arrive at the city of venue one day in advance before the scheduled date of meeting.
8. 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.2000/- 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.

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 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.
11. The Chairman and members may kindly exchange notes and views through internet on the subject area to be discussed during the meeting.
12. 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 may discuss only scientific / legal / technical aspects with others without disclosing name of the applicant or details of application.
13. The Secretary, NBA is authorized to invite any experts to the meetings of the expert committee as special invitees.

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