



Environment and Forests (FR.5)  
Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Letter No.17222/FR5/2012-4, dated 23.11.2012

From  
Thiru C.V. Sankar, I.A.S.,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AUTHORITY  
CHENNAI.

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RECEIVED ON 28/11/13.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and  
Chief Wildlife Warden,  
Chennai - 15. (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub.: Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board First Meeting held on  
29.10.2012 at 4.00 P.M. in Conference Hall, Old Building,  
Secretariat, Chennai - 9 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble  
Minister (Forests) - Approved Minutes of the Meeting -  
Communicated - Regarding.

Ref.: Government letter No. 17222/FR.5/2012-3, dated 15.10.2012.

I am directed to enclose a copy of approved minutes of the First meeting of  
Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*

for Principal Secretary to Government

Mr. Cheluvian

Pl. see Agenda item 2 of the TN SBS meeting held;  
It pertains Govt. of TN allotment of land to NBA.  
Pl. bring it to the notice of Secretary/Chairman  
in "Land Acquisition File".

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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board held at  
Chennai on 29.10.2012

The Hon'ble Minister (Forests) as Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board presided over the meeting and following officers attended the meeting.

Sl. No.	Name of the officers	Designation
1	Thiru. C.V.Sankar, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government., Environment and Forests Department	Ex-officio Member
2	Thiru. Gautam Dey IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)	Ex-officio Member
3	Thiru. Gagandeep singh Bedi, IAS., Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department	Ex-officio Member
4	Thiru. R. Gunasekaran IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden	Ex-officio Member
5	Tmt. R.Vasuki IAS., Additional Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department	Ex-officio Member
6	Thiru R.K. Upadhyay IFS., Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity)	Member Secretary
7	Dr.D. Narasimhan Associate Professor Centre for Floristic Research, Department of Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology, Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai 3	Member
8	Dr. V. Arivudai Nambi, Ph.D., Principal Scientist M.S.Swaminathan Research foundation, Chennai	Member
9	Prof. (Dr). M.B. Viswanathan Principal Investigator DBT Project Centre for Research and Development of Siddha – Ayurveda Medicines (CRDSAM) Department of Plant Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	Member



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10	Dr. Juliet Vanitharani Professor and Head Zoology Department and Research Centre (Recognised Research Centre under Manonmanium Sundaranar University) Tirunelveli, Sarah Tucker College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli 627 007	Member
11	Dr. G. Balan Samson, IFS (Retd) Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai	Member

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) welcomed the Hon'ble Minister (Forest) and Chairperson and Board Members.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden briefed about the unique Biodiversity in Tamil Nadu State. He made a brief power point presentation on the activities of Board including constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees. After presentation, the agenda items were taken up for discussion and the following decisions were arrived at.

**Agenda Item.1: Follow up action taken on Board Meeting held on 14.10.2008**

4 Biodiversity Management Committees in Tamil Nadu in Ramnad District are in place and the Member Secretary in his letter No.TNBB30/2012, dated 13.9.2012 has requested for release of Rs. 32.25 lakhs from the National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai. The Member Secretary may follow up with National Biodiversity Authority, and get the funds released early and execute the work.

**Agenda Item 2 : Allotment of land for construction of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board office at Chemmenchery village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai.**

The Member Secretary explained to the Board that the Collector, Kancheepuram has made a valuation for the 1.62.0 ha. land for National Biodiversity



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Authority at Rs. 45,04,15,242/-. The National Biodiversity Authority may follow up for obtaining the land from Government of Tamil Nadu for construction of office for National Biodiversity Authority. The State Biodiversity Board may also be housed in the same area which may be followed up by the Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board.

### **Agenda 3: Staff pattern of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board**

Member Secretary informed that Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned the posts of

Administrative Officer	-	1
Superintendent	-	1
Assistants	-	3
Data Entry Operator/Console Operator	-	1
Office Assistants	-	2

Out of the above, the following post need to be filled up by redeployment by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or filled with retired persons as per the already approved orders of the Government in P & AR Department.

Superintendent	-	1
Assistants	-	3
Office Assistants	-	2

### **Agenda 4 : Creation of State Biodiversity Fund**

The Member Secretary may approach National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai and obtain more fund for formation of Biodiversity Management Committees in various districts. National Biodiversity Authority has constituted a committee to finalise the same and the Member Secretary/Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board was requested to follow up with National Biodiversity Authority.



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#### **Agenda 5: Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committee**

The Hon'ble Chairman and all Members suggested that Biodiversity Management Committees may be constituted in all districts where there is a possibility of Access Benefit Sharing. In potential districts, atleast 5 Biodiversity Management Committees may be constituted. It was also decided that BMCs have to be formed at Village Panchayat level and not at Block level as per the existing G.O. Based on this decision of the Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board, further action has to be pursued by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests Department. In this regard, it was suggested that a sub-committee consisting of all five expert members may be constituted and they may provide names of districts and places to the Member Secretary within one month (Name of District and number of Biodiversity Management Committees to be formed in that District). This may be placed in the next Board meeting for its approval.

#### **Agenda 6: Establishment of People's Biodiversity Register**

With the help of eminent academicians / NGO who are working in field of conservation, speedy action may be taken for preparation of People's Biodiversity Register. The Board decided that a Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. Narasimhan and Dr. V. Arivudai Nambi may suggest a list of academicians / NGO's who could be involved in providing technical support and mobilizing communities in the preparation of People's Biodiversity Register.



**Agenda 7: Framing of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Rules**

The Chairman and all Members appreciated the draft Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board Rule, 2012. The draft Tamil Nadu rules of State Biodiversity Board have gone to the State Law Department for vetting and it will be notified shortly.

**Agenda 8 : Granting of permission for access to bio-resources under section (3) of Biological Diversity Act 2002.**

For granting of permission to access benefit bio resources, 26 applications are pending as on date.

The Board decided that a Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. Narasimhan, Dr. V. Arivudai Nambi and Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity – Member Secretary) may be constituted to examine all the 26 applications pending with the Board and provide the recommendations and the same will be placed in the next Board meeting.

**Agenda 9: Draft guidelines for Biodiversity Management Committee prepared by BMC Task Force**

The Board approved for following the BMC guidelines developed by the National Biodiversity Authority after due notification by National Biodiversity Authority.

**General:**

Hon'ble Minister (Forests) directed to launch the Web-site of Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board at the earliest.

Principal Secretary, Environment and Forests Department instructed the Member Secretary to ensure that all the decisions of Board are implemented quickly.

The Hon'ble Minister desired that the Board should have meetings once in 3 months and the next meeting will be held at Tirunelveli in January 2013.

**K.T.PACHAMAL  
MINISTER FOR FORESTS**