



TAMILNADU BIODIVERSITY BOARD

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Sir,

- Sub:** Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board-Sixth meeting held on 20.11.2017 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Forests-Minutes of the meeting-Expert committees approved-Communicated- reg.
- Ref:** Principal Secretary to Government, Environment and Forests(FR.5) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9, Letter No. 14065/FR.5/2017-3, dated.27.12.2017

I wish to inform that in the sixth meeting of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board, approved the Board has the constitution of a Expert sub-committee on "Access and Benefit sharing (ABS)" with the following members:

Sl.No.	Name of the Member	
1	Dr.D.Narasimhan Associate Professor, MCC	Chairperson
2	Dr. Arivudainambi- Independent Expert -Chennai	Member
3	Thiru.S.Elumalai Assistant Professor, School of Excellence in Law, Dr.Ambedkar Law University ,Chennai	Member
4	Wildlife Warden Chennai	Member
5	Secretary Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board	Focal point

I enclosed herewith copy of the Terms of Reference of "Access and Benefit sharing (ABS)" for information.

A meeting of the Expert Sub-Committee will be convened shortly.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully

Secretary

Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board

To,
Access and Benefit sharing (ABS) Expert committee members, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board.

Expert Committee on Access and Benefit Sharing

- I. **The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee shall be as under:**
 - a. To consider and evaluate the Access and Benefit Sharing applications received by the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board (TNBB) from the National Biodiversity Authority and provide comments / recommendations to the TNBB on the basis of the Biological Diversity Act 2002, Biological Diversity Rules 2004, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Rules (to be notified), Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations, 2014 and other relevant guidelines.
 - b. To consider and evaluate the applications received by the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board relating to Section 7 and 24 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and advise the TNBB.
 - c. To provide and record the reasons/basis on which recommendations such as restrictions for access, conditions for access, contravention of the Act, rejection etc. are taken on applications forwarded by NBA or received by TNBB.
 - d. To provide recommendations/advice on the matters relating to Access and Benefit Sharing provisions of the Act as and when requested by the TNBB.
 - e. The TNBB may amend the ToRs, if required.
- II. **Guidelines for Expert Committee on Access and Benefit Sharing are provided below:**
 - a. The Expert committee is being constituted mainly to advise TNBB on technical, techno-legal and scientific matters.
 - b. The Member Secretary, TNBB will be the focal point and will participate and provide his/her opinion in the Expert Committee.
 - c. The focal point shall convene meetings after consulting the Chairperson of the Expert Committee and members are requested to make it convenient to attend the meetings.
 - d. The Committee is expected to submit the proceedings/minutes to TNBB duly authenticated by all members soon after the meeting.
 - e. The Chairperson and Members of the Expert Committee may exchange their opinion and notes through emails on the applications to be discussed during the meeting.
 - f. The members are requested not to engage in any discussion individually with the applicants or non-members with regard to any of the applications placed before the Expert committee.
 - g. The focal point is authorized to invite any expert for the meeting if and when the service/opinion of such expert is required.
 - h. The tenure, honorarium for each sitting, travel and other allowance for meetings will be as decided by the TNBB in due course.