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Biological Diversity Act, 2002 - Constitution of Bio-diversity Management Committee at District Level - Instructions - - Issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department

Ms.No.101

Dated: 24.8.2009

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.38, Environment and Forests Department, dated 29.4.2008.
2. Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary dated 29.4.2008 Part -II Section 2 No.II (2) / EF/216(f) 2008.
3. From the Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, Letter No.NBA/9/49/05/SBB/TN/08-09/2517, Dated 9.7.2008.
4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-15 Letter Ref.No.WL4/ 8702/ 2004, Dated 11.5.2009.

ORDER

The Government have constituted the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board under Section 22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, and notified it in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary Notification 2nd read above.

2. The Biodiversity Act was enacted in 2002 and the Rules were framed in 2004. The Act aims at conservation and sustainable use of biological resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of these resources and the associated traditional knowledge. The Act provides for a three-tier institutional structure for its implementation viz., National Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at the local body level.

3. The Biodiversity is not distributed evenly or uniformly, certain area has been characterized as rich in high species and more number of endemic species have also been identified. The importance of conserving areas rich from the biodiversity point of view has been recognized in the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. Section 37 of this Act provides that (1) the State Government from time to time in consultation with the local bodies notify areas of biodiversity importance of Heritage Sites under Act (2) the State Government, in consultation with the Central Government may frame rules for management and conservation of Heritage Sites and (3) the State Government shall frame schemes for compensating or rehabilitating any person or section of people economically affected by such notification.

4. According to Section 41(1) "Every local body shall constitute a Biodiversity Management Committee within its area for the purpose of promoting conservation of 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 micro organisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity.

5. In the circumstances stated above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden in the letter fourth read above has requested the Government to issue suitable instructions to all the District Collectors to constitute Biodiversity Management Committees under the Chairmanship of the District Collector at District level.

6. The Government after careful examination, accept the request of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden and direct all the District Collectors, of Tamil Nadu to constitute the Biological Diversity Management Committee under Section 41(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 in each District under the Chairmanship of the District Collector concerned immediately. The District Collectors should also send a compliance report to Government in this regard.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

DEBENDRANATH SARANGI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

- To: All the District Collectors, (we)
- Copy to:
 - The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-15.
 - The Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water supply Dept./Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department / Revenue Department, Chennai-9.
 - The Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, 475, 9th South Cross Street, Neelankarai, Chennai-41.

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