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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, the Board has approved the Board has the constitution of a Expert sub-committee on "BMC Constitution and Documentation of PBRs" with the following members:

Sl.No.	Name of the Member	
1	Thiru. Hans Raj Verma, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department	Chairperson
2	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,(Protection and Vigilance) and Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Wet Land Authority	Member
3	Chief Conservator of Forests (Research)	Member
4	Deputy Director, Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation (Research, Training and Education), Vandalur, Chennai	Member
5	Secretary Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board	Focal point

I enclosed herewith copy of the Terms of Reference of "BMC Constitution and Documentation of PBRs" for information.

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

Encl: As above

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Yours faithfully

Secretary

Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board

To,
BMC Constitution and Documentation of PBRs Expert committee Members,
Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board.

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Expert Committee for constitution of Biodiversity Management
Committees and documentation of People's Biodiversity Registers

- I. **The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee shall be as under:**
1. To recommend locations rich in biodiversity for constitution of BMCs as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
 2. To prioritize BMCs for documentation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)
 3. To propose or examine the proposals regarding the Biodiversity Heritage Sites including the heritage trees, animals/microorganisms etc. and sacred groves, sacred water bodies etc.
 4. To make recommendation for the disbursement of Benefit Sharing amount to the concerned BMCs or locations or benefit claimers as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
 5. Any other functions as assigned by the Board
 6. The TNBB may amend the ToRs, if required.
- II. **Guidelines for "Expert Committee for Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees and documentation of People's Biodiversity Registers are provided below:**
1. The expert committee is being constituted mainly to advise TNBB on technical, administrative, statutory and community participation and benefit issues.
 2. The Member Secretary, TNBB will be the focal point and will participate and provide his/her opinion in the Expert Committee.
 3. The focal point shall convene meetings in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee and members are requested to make it convenient to attend the meetings.
 4. The Committee is expected to submit the proceedings/minutes to TNBB duly authenticated by all members soon after the meeting.
 5. The focal point is authorized to invite any expert for the meeting if and when the service/opinion of such expert is required.
 6. The tenure, honorarium for each sitting, travel and other allowance for meetings will be as decided by the TNBB.