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Rc.No.8164/2018/PRI 4-1, Dated: 03.02.2020

Sir,

Sub: Rural Development and Panchayat Raj – Biodiversity Management Committee – In all the Village Panchayats and District Panchayats – Action Taken Report - Sent – reg.

Ref:

- 1. The Government Lr.No.4694/FR.5/2017-5, dated: 30.01.18.
- The Director, DRD&PR Lr.No.8164/2018/PRI 4-1, dated: 12.06.2018.
- Minutes of 8th meeting of Tamil Nadu Bio-Diversity Board on 18.09.2019
- 4. The Director, DRD&PR, D.O.Lr.No.8164/2018/PRI 4.1, dated: 14.11.2019
- 5. TNBB/619/2019, dated: 30.01.2020.
- 6. Reports received from the districts.

In the reference 1st cited, Environment and Forest (FR.5) Department in the Government has requested to Constitute Bio-Diversity Management Committee at Block level. Accordingly vide reference 2nd cited, the Action Taken Report on constitution of Bio-Diversity Management Committee at 385 Block Panchayats have been reported.

The minutes of 8th meeting of Tamil Nadu Bio-Diversity Board which has been communicated to this office has stated that Bio-Diversity Management Committee should be constituted at the Village Panchayat Level in all the Districts.

In this regard, already an instruction has been communicated to all the District Collectors vide reference 4th cited above to constitute Bio-Diversity Management Committee at all Rural Local Bodies. In this regard, it is stated that ordinary Election to the Rural Local Bodies for the 27 Districts have been completed by the State Election Commission and the elected Representatives assumed their offices and seats. The Rural Local Bodies in remaining 9 Districts

have been administered by Special Officers in the Rural Development α Panchayat Raj Department.

Hence it is reiterated that the Bio-Diversity Management Committee has already been formed in 385 Block Panchayats. Now, it has been formed in three newly created Block Panchayats namely Srimushnam, Eriyur and Kadathur Block Panchayats also.

The Bio-Diversity Management Committee at the District Level has been formed in 31 Districts. In the newly created 5 Districts, the District Panchayat will come into force only after the due elections to the Rural Local Bodies. Once it came into force, Bio-Diversity Management Committee will be formed.

In terms of Village Panchayats, the Bio-Diversity Management committee has been formed in all the Village Panchayats comprising 7 members with following composition.

- 1. One member from Village Forest Committee (VFC) President
- 2. Three women members from Community based organizations
- 3. A farmer representative
- 4. An Animal Farmer / Fisher Folk
- 5. A NGO representative

Hence it is informed that the Bio Diversity Management committee has been duly constituted in the Rural Local Bodies in the state.

Director

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