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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FORESTS & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 14th February, 2022.

No.FOR.57/2002/Vol-II/Pt-I/26 – In pursuance of the decision of the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board in its meeting held on 3rd December, 2021, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to reconstitute the Technical Support Group (TSG) in all Districts of the State for the implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 with the following members, with immediate effect and until further orders.

Members of the Technical Support Group (TSG).

1. Divisional Forest Officer having his office/jurisdiction in the district nominated by the PCCF & HoFF – District Nodal Officer and Convener.
2. Block Development Officers/his representatives of all Districts in Meghalaya.
3. Director/Representative nominated by the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
4. Director/Representative nominated by the Fisheries Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
5. Director/Representative nominated by the Agriculture Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
6. Director/Representative nominated by the Community & Rural Development Department, Meghalaya.
7. Officer in Charge/Representative nominated by the Autonomous District Council concerned.
8. Officer in Charge/Representative nominated by the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA), Govt. of Meghalaya.
9. Officer in Charge /Representative nominated by the Botanical Survey of India, Shillong, Center.
10. Officer in Charge/Representative nominated by the Zoological Survey of India, Shillong, Center.
11. Chief Executive Officer/Representative, Shillong Cantonment Board.
12. Chief Executive Officer/Representative, Shillong Municipal Board.
13. Two (02) experts co-opted by the Member Secretary, MBB.

Duties and Functions of the Technical Support Group (TSG).

1. The TSG shall provide technical guidance to the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in the district in the preparation/upgradation of the Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBRs). The TSG will also assist BMCs in maintaining, authenticating and validation of the PBR.
2. The TSG shall provide technical guidance to the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in the District preparation of the Biodiversity Management Plans for their respective areas.
3. The TSG shall recommend measures for 'capacity building' of the BMCs under their jurisdiction and offer their expertise in the training programmes.
4. The TSG shall recommend to the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB), potential areas rich in biodiversity/cultural heritage for the

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- establishment of BMCs and/or for their declaration as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).
5. The TSG shall help the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB) in its negotiations with the individuals/community/other stake holders for the purposes of implementation of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and in awareness campaigns.
 6. The District Nodal Officer shall nominate a forest staff, preferably in the rank of Forester where school teachers are not appointed/nominated, to function as Secretary to each of the BMCs/group of BMCs constituted in the District for guiding the BMCs in account keeping and record maintenance.
 7. The TSG shall meet as frequently as deemed fit but at least once in 6 (six) months. The Divisional Forest Officer, who is also a member of the TSG, shall convene the meetings in his capacity as the District Nodal Officer cum Convener of the TSG. The TSG is free to devise its own rules/methods for conducting business including determination of the quorum and the decision making process keeping in view the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and applicable Rules.
 8. The minutes of each meeting of the TSG shall be recorded and submitted to the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB), by the District Nodal Officer cum Convener of the TSG.

Additional Duties and Functions of the DNOs:

The District Nodal Officers on approval of the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board shall sign Benefit Sharing Agreement for Access to Biological Resources (Grant of Approval) on behalf of the Board with Traders and Manufacturers as per the "Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations, 2014" in the areas under their respective jurisdiction at the field level for effective regulation of access to bio-resources for commercial purpose.

Sd/-
(Syed Md A Razi, IRTS)
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Forests & Environment Department

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1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Speaker, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Hon'ble Speaker.
3. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister i/c Forests & Environment Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Minister.
4. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for information of the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition.
5. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Chief Secretary.
6. The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi-110003.
7. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj, New Delhi-110003.
8. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Planning Department.

9. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Department/Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department/Fisheries Department/Education Department/Community and Rural Development.
10. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forests & Environment Department.
11. The Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, TICEL Bio-Park, 5th Floor, CSIR Road, Taramani, Chennai-600113, Tamil Nadu India.
12. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
13. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Meghalaya, Shillong.
14. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya Biodiversity Board, O/o PCCF & HoFF, Sylvan House, Shillong.
15. The Director of Agriculture/Animal Husbandry & Veterinary/Fisheries/School Education/Community and Rural Development for information and necessary action
16. The Director, Botanical Survey of India, Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong Lower New Colony, Laitumkhrah, Shillong-793 003, Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
17. The Director, Zoological Survey of India, North Eastern Regional Centre, Risa Colony, Shillong, Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
18. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills/West Khasi Hills/South-West Khasi Hills/Eastern West Khasi Hills/Ri-Bhoi/East Jaintia Hills/West Jaintia Hills/East Garo Hills/West Garo Hills/South Garo Hills/North Garo Hills/South West Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
19. The Chief Executive Officer, Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) for information and necessary action.
20. The Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Cantonment Board for information and necessary action.
21. The Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Municipal Board for information and necessary action.
22. The Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council/Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council/Garo Hills Autonomous District Council for information and necessary action.
23. The Director of Printing & Stationery, for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
24. Guard file.

By orders, etc.,

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Forests & Environment Department

