

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
FORESTS & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**

**NOTIFICATION**

*Dated Shillong, the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.*

**NO.FOR.57/2002/Vol-I/531** –In pursuance of the decision of the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board in its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Apr.1, 2014, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to constitute 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 to be nominated by the PCCF & HoFF - District Nodal Officer and Convener.
2. Representative nominated by the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
3. Representative nominated by the Fisheries Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
4. Representative nominated by the Agriculture Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
5. Representative nominated by the Autonomous District Council concerned.
6. Representative nominated by the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA), Govt. of Meghalaya.
7. Representative nominated by the Botanical Survey of India, Shillong Centre.
8. Representative nominated by the Zoological Survey of India, Shillong Centre.
9. Two members nominated by the Deputy Commissioner of the District, from among the Conservationists/NGOs/prominent individuals from the District.

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

- a. The TSG shall provide technical guidance to the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in the district in the preparation of the Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBRs).
- b. The TSG shall provide technical guidance to the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in the district in the preparation of the Biodiversity Management Plans for their respective areas.
- c. The TSG shall recommend measures for 'capacity building' of the BMCs under their jurisdiction and offer their expertise in the training programmes.
- d. The TSG shall recommend to the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board (MBB), potential areas rich in biodiversity/ cultural heritage for the establishment of BMCs and/or for their declaration as Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS)
- e. 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.
- f. The District Nodal Officer shall nominate a forest staff, preferably in the rank of Forester, 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.

*Sd/- (A.Nikhla, M.C.S)*

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Forests & Environment Department

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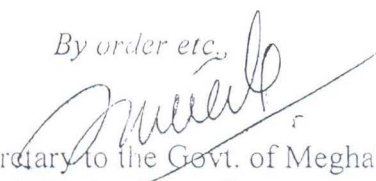
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Dated Shillong, the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

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1. The P.S. to the Minister in-charge Forests & Environment Department for information of the Minister.
2. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary for information of the Chief Secretary.
3. The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
4. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
5. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Planning Department.
6. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Agriculture Department/Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department/Fisheries Department/Education Department.
7. The Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, TICEL Bio-Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, CSIR Road, Taramani, Chennai-600113, Tamil Nadu, India.
8. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District / West Khasi Hills District / South West Khasi Hills District / Ri-Bhoi District / East Jaintia Hills District / West Jaintia Hills District / East Garo Hills District / West Garo Hills District / South Garo Hills District / North Garo Hills District / South West Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
10. The Director of Agriculture/Animal Husbandry and Veterinary / Fisheries/School Education for information and necessary action.
11. The Director, Botanical Survey of India, North Eastern Region, Shillong Centre for information and necessary action.
12. The Director, Zoological Survey of India, North Eastern Region, Shillong Centre for information and necessary action.
13. The Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council and Garo Hills Autonomous District Council for information and necessary action.
14. The Conservator of Forests (Development & Biodiversity) and Secretary, Meghalaya Biodiversity Board, Shillong for information and necessary action.
15. Members concerned.

By order etc.,

  
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Forests & Environment Department

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