

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act.No.18 of 2003) - Framing of Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules, 2015 - Amendment - Notification - Orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.67

Dated: 03-11-2016.

Read the following:-

- 1.G.O.Ms.No.23, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.II) Department, dt.14.05.2015.
- 2.From the MS, TSBDB, Ref.No.253/TSBDB/Access fee/2015, dt.25.01.2016 and even no.dt.19.05.2016, & 08.09.2016.

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ORDER:-

In the G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above, Government have issued orders for "Framing of Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules, 2015" under section 63(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act No.18 of 2003).

2. In her letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Member Secretary, Telangana State Biodiversity Board has reported that, as per the Regulation 17 (a) of the Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefits Sharing Regulations, 2014, the Telangana State Biodiversity Board resolved for exemption of the Form-I application Fee of Rs. 1,000/- for the Indian citizens or entities accessing biological resources and or associated knowledge, occurring in or obtained from India, for the purposes of research or bio-survey and bio-utilization for research in India, hence it is required to make an amendment to the Rule 16(1) of the Telangana State Biodiversity Board Rules, 2015 for exemption of Form-I application fee of Rs. 1,000/- for the above said purpose. The Telangana State Biodiversity Board has also resolved to reduce the Form-I application fee Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 1,000/- for access to collection of biological resources for commercial utilization and associate traditional knowledge by any person in India to facilitate ABS (Access Benefit Sharing) mechanism in Telangana. She has requested to take necessary action for bringing forth the amendments to Rule 16 (1) of Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules, 2015 for the implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 & Access Benefit Sharing guidelines, 2014.

3. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, have decided to issue an amendment to Rule 16(1) of the Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules, 2015 issued in G.O.Ms.No.23, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.II) Department, dt.14.05.2015.

4. Accordingly, the following notification shall be published in an extraordinary issue of Telangana Gazette, dt.\_\_\_\_.11.2016.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 63 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act No.18 of 2003), the Government hereby makes the following amendment to the "Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules, 2015."

[P.T.O]

AMENDMENT

In the said rules, sub-rule (1) of rule 16 shall be substituted with the following, namely:-

*"(1) Any person seeking access to/ collection of biological resources and associated knowledge for research or for commercial utilization shall make an application to the Board in Form-I appended to these rules. Every application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.1,000/- for commercial utilization and shall be in the form of cheque or demand draft and the fees shall be exempted, in case, such access is for research purpose.*

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

B.R.MEENA,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
✓ The Member Secretary,  
Telangana State Biodiversity Board, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:-**  
The Law (D) Department, Telangana State, Hyderabad.  
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

*M. S. S.*  
SECTION OFFICER.