



TELANGANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

UNEP – GEF – MoEFCC-ABS Project

"Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Provisions"

Brief report on "Orientation programme on Biological Diversity Act 2002, Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules 2015 and its focus on Access and Benefit Sharing Mechanism"

Place: G.P. Birla Centre, B.M. Birla Science centre, near Birla Temple, Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana State.

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The Telangana State Biodiversity Board is implementing UNEP-GEF-MoEF&CC-ABS Project title-***"Strengthening the Implementation of the Biological Diversity Act and Rules with focus on its Access and Benefit Sharing Mechanism"***. As part of project activity the Board has organized a awareness programme on Biological Diversity Act 2002, Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules 2015 and its focus on ABS provisions". The main objective of the programme is to increase the awareness on the Biological Diversity Act, Rules and ABS mechanism.

Initially Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS, Member Secretary, Telangana State Biodiversity Board welcomed the gathering and briefed about the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Rules for access to biological resources and/ or associated knowledge for research or bio-survey and bio-utilization for research, and highlighted the need for conservation of biological resources from the exploitation.

Sri. C. Achalender Reddy, IFS, Managing Director, Goa Forest Development Corporation (Formerly Secretary, national Biodiversity Authority, Chennai) briefed about the Biological Diversity Act 2002, Telangana State Biological Diversity Rules, 2015. Also shared his experiences related to ABS agreements in India.

He explained that as per the Act came into force to protect sovereign rights of India over its biological resources, to stop misappropriation of Bio/Genetic Resources (Biopiracy), to protect biodiversity by documenting PBR, to regulate access & use of Biodiversity, to ensure sustainable utilisation and equitable benefit sharing, to provide legal recognition & support to the Biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge.

He mentioned that Biotechnology is defined by Article 2 of the Convention on Biological Diversity(CBD) as “ any technological application that uses biological systems ,living organisms ,or derivatives thereof, to make or modify products or processes for specific use” (This definition is also included in the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (Article.2)). Also mentioned that the Biotech industries using various biological resources (algae, enzymes, proteins, microorganisms, etc) for commercial utilization.

As per the biological Diversity Act the permission is required from the SBB

- If a company using the genetic resources (Indian germ plasm) to develop the *Aloe vera* variety or preparing a product.
- Whether accessing the biological resources for research or commercial but you need to register in Form-I with SBB.
- Product selling within the country or outside the country.
- The Form-I application will be kept in confidential will not be given to anybody, so feel free to declare the biological resources using for the industry.
- If the resources already accessed before the Act or after the Act.
- If a resource was already accessed and will not be accessed in future.

The secession was followed by interaction session with the stakeholders all the doubts were well clarified.

The workshop was concluded by vote of thanks by Sri G. Sailu, SPC, UNEP-GEF-MoEF&CC-ABS project, Telangana State Biodiversity Board.

List of members attended the Awareness programme at Birala Science center on 03.10.2015

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