



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 "Interaction meeting with Confederation of Ayurvedic Industries of Telangana"

Place: TSBDBD Office, 6th floor, Chandra Vihar Complex, Nampally, Telangana. Hyderabad.

Date: 02-01-2016.

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.

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, Form-I application and access and benefit sharing provisions. The Member Secretary has also interacted with the participants and clarified the doubts.

The Member Secretary given clarification on the issue of form-1 fee that the fee reduction from 10000/- to 1000/- will be discussed in board meeting and also seen that it will be approved.

The member secretary clarified that the Board is in touch all the line departments like Ministry of Ayush, Medicinal Plants Board and CMAP etc.

Dr Ramesh has briefed about the issues beyond the board approach, like the association suggested amendments in law should be represented to the govt. of India instead of the State Biodiversity Board.

Dr Ramesh also explained about the section 7 of BD act which does not exempt any company or individual from the law for accessing the biological resources, so everyone who are all accessing the biological resources should be obeyed by the law.

The Member Secretary explained about filling the Form-1, particularly compared with other state Form-1 filled by an ayurvedic industry from Gujarat like;

1. Declaring the place where the Biological resources were collected can be filled that the biological resources are collected from the trader and their location.
2. Time of collection; as the material is from a trader can be collected throughout the year.
3. Other data related to collection perspective are not applicable as they are for Biological Resources collectors

The Member Secretary given assurance for extending the cooperation for filling the Form-1 and requested all the industries for come forward for extend association with Board.

Photo Gallery



**List of members attended the Interaction meeting with Confederation of
Ayurvedic Industries of Telangana at TSBDB office on 02.01.2016**

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9	P. Sitaraman	Proprietor, Four-s-Lab	Hyderabad
10	B. Venkateshwara Reddy	MD, Bomma Bio Pharma Pvt Ltd	Hyderabad
11	Dr Ramesh	Nalsar University, Bangalore	Hyderabad
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Date: 06.11.2015

Sir

Sub: Certain objections regarding rules for implementation of Biodiversity Act – Request Regd.

In consequence to the Biodiversity meeting held at Birla Auditorium, we would like to place before you the following for your favourable consideration.

The objectives of the world conventions and Biodiversity Act are Laudable though very late. The unscrupulous exploitation of the Biodiversity has been going on since last 50-60 years. Number of Species have either vanished or on the brink of vanishing. It is more so in the respect of birds and animals.

It is definitely necessary to prepare the register of all Bio diverse Species, with location, utilization and traditional knowledge. It is also necessary to authenticate it on modern scientific lines. This will enable our country to better protection, utilisation and even cultivation of number of species for both health and wealth.

But the rules framed under the Act seem to create confusion, new problems and burden to small scale industries. 95% of the Ayush Manufacturers procure their raw drugs from wholesalers. They all buy in kgs or at the most a couple of quintals. It is the large industries and specially plant extract manufacturers and raw drug (Plant material) exporters, who procure through auction and illegal means and affect the availability of various species.

The members of our Confederation have met, deliberated and arrived at certain opinions to be placed before you for kind consideration.

1. The fee of Rs 10000/- along with **EACH APPLICATION** in form 1 for taking permission to buy plant raw material is a burden on us. We pay an amount Rs 1000/- to Ayush Department for product manufacturing License which is valid for 5 years. Hence we feel the above fee procedure must be totally abolished
2. We are prepared to inform the SBB with regard to purchase of plant Raw Materials along with quantity, price and source of purchase. But the other information asked in form 1 is not possible for us to collect and fill the form. We need to have a specialised person for collecting all such information as

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required in the guidelines to fill the form 1. In most of our companies we are one or two persons looking after all the activities of industry

3. We are already paying 5% VAT during the purchase of Raw Materials. We get Mod Vat on VAT purchases and not on CST purchases. There are few VAT purchases on which Mod Vat facility is not covered. In such a situation 5% benefit sharing obligation on our part as manufacturers will be an extra burden and product prices will raise.
4. We do not think that the situation is ripe or even possible for the industries like us to enter into any prior benefit sharing obligation with forest dwellers/Tribal cultivator/Gram Sabhas (BMCs). We understand that the BMCs have been formed only in about 700 villages out of 7000 villages in Telangana. Even if 100% BMCs are formed, to negotiate with BMCs will be cumbersome and next to Impossibility
5. The option to pay 0.1% on sale of Products directly to SBB will be simpler at the end of each monthly/quarterly/yearly.
6. We may also be allowed to suggest that in association with Medicinal Plant Board, CIMAP it is profitable to encourage cultivation of medicinal plants and establish district wise Raw Drugs Resource Centres, facilitating the small scale industries to procure the raw drugs from them. Let the efforts of SBB, MAB and CIMAP be dovetailed to protect cultivate and increase the availability of Bio-wealth.

At the end we once again request the Chairman, SBB to consider our objections and suggestion sympathetically and modify the rules, so that it is practical for every stakeholders to follow. Until then we request the board not to proceed ahead on implementing the act and keep in abeyance further proceedings on the notices issued.

Thanking you
With Regards

G.R.Karunakar