



**TELANGANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD**  
**UNEP–GEF–MoEF&CC-ABS Project**

**Agenda items for Techno Legal Advisory Group (TLAG) meeting to be held on 18-02-2016 at TSBDB, Office, Nampally, Hyderabad.**

**Agenda item No.1.**

**Criteria for selection of Biodiversity management Committees (BMCs) for release of Local Biodiversity Fund (LBF):**

- Telangana State Biodiversity Board received an amount of Rs. 42,60,000/- toward the financial assistance to the BMCs formed in 1<sup>st</sup> phase (for 63 BMCs at GP level and for 6 BMCs at Municipal level) So far, as 1<sup>st</sup> installment @ Rs.10,000/- per each BMC amounting to Rs.4,80,000/- has been released to 48 GP level BMCs which have been already constituted during this financial year.
- Since NBA is releasing funds only toward the BMCs to be newly constituted and State grants are not sufficient to meet the LBF (Local Biodiversity Fund) requirement, TSBDB is not in a position to cater to the BMCs that have been already formed till March 2015.
- Accordingly the Board agreed with the proposal of Member Secretary to allocate the LBF at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- per each BMC and release installments to eligible BMCs by adopting suitable criteria. The draft criteria for selection of BMCs for release of LBF are enclosed for discussions (Annex-1).

## Agenda item No.2.

### Constitution of District level Committee & their functions and responsibilities:

- In the Board meeting it is decided constitute a district level committee for continuous monitoring and ensuring coordination among various line departments and to deliberate on biodiversity related matters for better implementation of Biological Diversity Act at district level.
- The Committee will be headed by District Collector & Magistrate as Chairman and other members will be ZPP CEO, line departments, NGOs, academicians and eminent Scientists, etc.

### Proposed members for District Level Committee:

1.	District Collector	Chairman
2.	ZPP CEO	Member
3.	DFO, Social Forestry	Member/ Nodal Officer
4.	JD, Agriculture	Member
5.	JD, Fisheries	Member
6.	JD, Animal Husbandry	Member
7.	Coordinator or Scientist KVK	Member
8.	Municipal Commissioner, District level	Member
9.	DD, Horticulture	Member
10.	Eminent Academicians (1)	Member
11.	Reputed NGOs (1)	Member

### • The Terms of Reference (ToR)

The committee may develop guidelines/ methodologies/ frameworks on the following lines:-

- a) To examine and strengthen the constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees at GP, MPP, Municipality, Municipal Corporation & ZPP levels.
- b) To strengthen and enhance capacity of Biodiversity Management Committees in collaboration with line departments or agencies concerned.
- c) To support the BMCs for conservation of native biodiversity and sustainable use of biodiversity.
- d) To prioritize the grampanchayats for constitution of Biodiversity management Committees.

- e) To prioritize the locations/BMCs for preparation of PBRs as cluster wise.
- f) To identify the eminent Academicians, Scientists, NGOs/agencies for constitution of Technical Support Groups for preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers and other action plans.
- g) To formulate modalities for getting funds from various schemes to strengthen the BMCs for proper implementation of the Act.
- h) Identifying the industries that are accessing the biological resources for commercial purpose and make them aware to follow the provisions of the Act.
- i) The committee may sit one time in every 2 months for taking further actions towards strengthening of BMCs.
- j) The committee may invite experts and scientists as special invitees to the meetings, if required.

### **Agenda item No.3. Revising Expert Committees**

- Government of Telangana issued an order constituting Eight expert committees to function provisionally till the Chairman for the TSBDB is appointed for strengthening the implementation of the Act and Rules. The Board agreed to continue these committees for the time being & suggested for revisiting to be done by the next Board meeting.

### **Submitted for discussions**

#### **Other items:**

1. Discussion on organizing State level workshop on Economic Valuation of Biological Resources to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> march, 2016.
  - a. To prepare the list of participants for the works
  - b. To prepare the topics/agenda for the workshop
2. Celebrations of International Day for Biological Diversity" to be on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.
  - a. To decide the theme for the day besides CBD theme.
  - b. Activities to be taken up during the celebrations for creating more awareness among the stakeholders.