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No. SRO A-54/2017.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 63 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act 18 of 2003), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following rules:-

RULES

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**-(1) These rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Biological Diversity Rules, 2017.

(2) These rules shall extend to the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu.

(3) These rules shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

2. **Definitions.**- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) **"Act"** means the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act 18 of 2003);

(b) **"Biodiversity Management Committee"** means a Biodiversity Management Committee constituted by a local body under sub-section (1) of Section 41 of the Act;

(c) **"Board"** means the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board established under sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the Act;

(d) **"Chairperson"** means the Chairperson of the Board;

(e) **"Fee"** means any fee stipulated in these rules;

(f) **"Form"** means Form appended to these rules;

(g) **"Government"** means the Government of Tamil Nadu;

(h) **"Member"** means a member of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board and includes the Chairperson;

(i) **"Nodal Officer"** means such officer designated under clause (x) of rule 20 of these rules;

(j) **"Section"** means section of the Act;

(k) **"Secretary"** means the Secretary of the Board;

(l) **"Trekking service providers"** includes the porters, pack animal operators, cooks, guides, their assistants and all other trekking support staff;

(m) words and expressions used but not defined in these rules and defined in the Act and in the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, shall have the same meaning respectively assigned to them in the said Act and Rules.

3. **Manner of selection and appointment of the Chairperson.**- (1) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Government in terms of clause (a) of sub-section (4) of Section 22 of the Act either on deputation of a person not below the rank of Principal Secretary to the Government or by selection from outside the Government.

(2) The appointment under sub-rule (1) shall be done on the recommendation of a three member Search Committee constituted for the purpose headed by the Chief Secretary.

4. **Term of office of the Chairperson.**- (1) The Chairperson of the Board shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of his appointment and be eligible for re-appointment;

(2) The Chairperson may resign from his office by giving at least one month's notice in writing to the Government.

5. **Pay and Allowances of Chairperson.**- (1) The Chairperson shall be entitled to a fixed pay of Rs.80,000/- per month. In case, retired person is appointed as Chairperson, his pay shall be fixed in accordance with the order of the Government as applicable to such person;

(2) The Chairperson shall be entitled to such allowances, leave, residential accommodation and other perquisites etc., as may be determined by the Government from time to time.

6. **Term of office and allowances of non-official members.**-(1) Every non-official member of the Board appointed in terms of clause (c) of sub-section (4) of Section 22 of the Act, shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of his appointment and be eligible for re-appointment :

Provided that no non-official member shall hold office as such after he attains the age of sixty five years.

(2) Every non-official member shall be entitled to travelling allowance, daily allowance and to such other allowances as may be fixed by the Government for attending the meeting of the Board.

7. **Filling up of vacancies of non-official members.**- (1) A non-official member of the Board may resign his office at any time by giving in writing under his hand addressed to the Government and the seat of that member in the Board shall become vacant from the date of such resignation.

(2) A casual vacancy in the Board shall be filled up by a fresh appointment and the person so appointed to fill such vacancy shall hold office only for the remainder of the term of the member in whose place he was appointed.

8. **Removal of the member of the Board.**- No member of the Board shall be removed from his office on any ground specified in Section 11 of the Act, without a due and proper enquiry by an officer not below the rank of Principal Secretary to Government appointed by the Government and without giving such member a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

9. **Head Office of the Board .-** The Head Office of the Board shall be at Chennai.

10. **Secretary of the Board.**- (1) The Board shall appoint a Secretary to it by deputation of an officer not below the rank of the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(2) The terms and conditions of the service of the Secretary shall be determined by the Board by regulation.

(3) The Secretary shall be responsible for co-ordinating and convening the meetings of the Board, maintenance of the records of the proceedings of the Board and such other matters as may be assigned to him by the Board.

11. **Meetings of the Board.**- (1) The Board shall meet at least two times in a year, but six months shall not intervene between any two meetings, at the Head Office of the Board or at such place as may be decided by the Chairperson.

(2) The Chairperson shall, upon a written request from not less than five members or upon a direction of the Government, call a special meeting of the Board.

(3) The members shall be given atleast fifteen days notice for holding an ordinary meeting and atleast three days notice for holding a special meeting, specifying the purpose, the time and the place at which such meeting is to be held.

(4) Every meeting shall be presided over by the Chairperson and in his absence, by a Presiding Officer to be elected by the members present from among themselves.

(5) The quorum at every meeting of the Board shall be five.

(6) Each member shall have one vote.

(7) The decision of the Board shall, if necessary, be taken by a simple majority of the members present and voting and the Chairperson or in his absence the member presiding shall have a second or casting vote.

(8) No member shall be entitled to bring forward for the consideration of a meeting any matter of which he has not given fifteen days notice, unless the Chairperson in his discretion permits him to do so.

(9) Notice of the meeting may be given to the members by delivering the same by messenger or sending it by registered post to the address given by him or his last known place of residence or business or in such other manner as the Secretary may, in the circumstances of the case, think fit.

12. **Appointment of expert committee by the Board and their entitlements.**- (1) The Board may constitute any number of committees for such purposes as it may deem fit, consisting wholly of members or wholly of other persons or partly of members or partly of other persons.

(2) The members of such committee other than the members of the Board shall be paid such fees and allowances for attending the meetings, as the Board may deem fit.

(3) The Board may invite any person, whose assistance or advice is considered useful for performing any of its functions, to participate in the deliberations of any of its meeting. Such invitee shall be entitled to get allowances as determined by the Board from time to time.

13. **General functions of the Board.**- In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of the Act, the Board shall perform the following functions, namely:-

- (i) lay down the procedure and guidelines to regulate the activities provided under Section 7 of the Act; .
- (ii) advise the Government, subject to any guidelines issued by the Central Government, on any matter concerning conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resource and knowledge;
- (iii) provide livelihood support to those villagers, who have shifted or are in the process of shifting from unsustainable livelihoods to sustainable livelihoods or as Trekking Service Providers;
- (iv) promote and strengthen individuals and institutions who are already working towards conservation, sustainable use and equitable benefit sharing of biological resources;
- (v) provide technical assistance and guidance to various departments of the Government in connection with implementation of provisions of the Act;
- (vi) regulate by granting of approvals or otherwise requests for commercial utilisation or bio-survey and bio-utilisation of any biological resources under the Act by Indians;
- (vii) facilitate updating and implementation of State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan;
- (viii) commission studies and sponsor investigations and research; ,
- (ix) engage consultants, for specific period, not exceeding three years, for providing technical assistance to the Board in the effective discharge of its functions;
- (x) collect, compile and publish technical and statistical data, manuals, codes or guides relating to conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resource and knowledge;
- (xi) organise through mass media, a comprehensive programme regarding conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources and knowledae;
- (xii) plan and organise training of personnel engaged or likely to be engaged in programmes for the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components;
- (xiii) prepare the annual budget of the Board incorporating its own receipts and also the funds or grants from the Central Government, State Government and National Biodiversity Authority:
- Provided that such allocation by the Central Government or State Government or National Biodiversity Authority shall be operated in accordance with the budget provisions approved by the Central Government or State Government or National Biodiversity Authority, as the case may be;
- (xiv) approve the en-bloc sanction of the annual budget and work programme;
- (xv) recommend to the Government, for creation of posts of the officers and employees of the Board for effective discharge of the functions by the Board and to create such posts, provided that no such post whether permanent, temporary or of any nature, shall be created without prior approval of the Government;
- (xvi) approve the method of recruitment to the officers and employees of the Board;
- (xvii) take steps to build up data base and to create information and documentation system for biological resources and associated traditional knowledge through biodiversity registers and electronic databases, to ensure effective management, promotion and sustainable use;
- (xviii) give advice and directions to the local bodies, Biodiversity Management Committees in writing for effective implementation of the Act and to facilitate their meaningful participation in all measures relating to conservation, sustainable use and equitable benefit sharing;
- (xix) report to the Government about the functioning of the Board and implementation of the Act and the rules made thereunder;
- (xx) devise methods to ensure protection of rights including intellectual property rights over biological resources and associated knowledge including systems of maintaining confidentiality of such information as appropriate, including the protection of the information recorded in People's Biodiversity Registers;
- (xxi) sanction grants-in-aid and grants to Biodiversity Management Committees for specific purposes;
- (xxii) undertake physical inspection of any activity or work to check whether it is in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

(xxiii) ensure that biodiversity and biodiversity-dependent livelihoods are integrated into all sectors of planning and management, and at all levels of planning from local to State, to enable such sectors and administrative levels to contribute effectively to conservation and sustainable use;

(xxiv) award individually or as a group, or both for innovation and contribution in the biodiversity sector of the State;

(xxv) formulate guidelines to the settlement of disputes between the Biodiversity Management Committees and to evaluate the performance of the Biodiversity Management Committees and annually reward the best performing Biodiversity Management Committee at each level in the State;

(xxvi) recommend in consultation with the local bodies for notifying the areas of biodiversity importance as biodiversity heritage sites under sub-section (1) of Section 37 of the Act and for the management and conservation of the heritage sites;

(xxvii) perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act or as may be assigned or directed by the Government from time to time.

14. Powers and Duties of the Chairperson.- (1) The Chairperson shall ensure that the affairs of the Board are run efficiently and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder.

(2) The Chairperson shall have the powers of general superintendence over the officers and employees of the Board and he may issue necessary directions for the conduct and management of the affairs of the Board.

(3) The Chairperson shall convene and preside over all the meetings of the Board and shall ensure that all decisions taken by the Board are implemented in a proper manner.

(4) The Chairperson shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be delegated to him from time to time by the Board.

(5) The Chairperson shall exercise all administrative and financial powers of the Board, subject to the approval or ratification by the Board in the subsequent meeting.

15. Procedure for access to or collection of biological resources.- (1) Any person other than a person referred to in sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Act seeking approval of the Board for access to any biological resources for commercial utilisation or bio-survey and bio-utilisation for commercial utilisation, shall make an application to the Board in Form I. Every application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees ten thousand only) in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board or as may be directed by the Board.

(2) The Board after due appraisal of the application and after consultation with the Biodiversity Management Committees concerned and, after collecting such additional information, as it may deem fit and if necessary, after consulting an expert committee constituted for this purpose, shall pass orders on the application, as far as possible within a period of three months of receipt of the same. In this context, the word "consult" for the purposes of this rule includes the following steps, namely, (a) issuing of public notice in local languages, of the proposal for access or collection; (b) discussion with the general assembly of the local body about the proposal and its implications for conservation and livelihoods.

(3) On being satisfied with the merit of the application, the Board may issue order (permissive, restrictive or prohibitive), subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem necessary to impose or restrict any such activity if it is of the opinion that such activity is detrimental or contrary to the objectives of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity or equitable sharing of benefits arising out of such activity.

(4) Such order shall be in the form of agreement duly signed by the Secretary of the Board and the applicant and it shall govern the access and benefit sharing. The form of the agreement and the terms and conditions of such agreement shall be decided by the Board.

(5) The terms and conditions for such order may specifically provide measures for conservation and protection of biological resources to which the access is being granted.

(6) The Board may reject the application if it considers that the request cannot be acceded to, after recording the reasons. Before passing an order of rejection, the applicant shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(7) Any information given in the Form referred to in the sub-rule (1) shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed, either intentionally or unintentionally, to any person not concerned thereto.

(8) The Guidelines on Access to Biological Resources and Associated Knowledge and Benefit Sharing Regulation, 2014 with subsequent modifications or amendments thereof, if any, shall be adopted as procedure in processing such cases by the Board.

16. **Revocation of access or approval.**- (1) The Board may, either on the basis of any complaint or suo motu, withdraw the order passed under rule 15 or revoke or restrict or modify the said order in the following circumstances, namely:-

- (i) on the basis of reasonable belief that the person accessing the said bio-resource has violated any of the provisions of the Act or the condition on which the said order was issued;
- (ii) when the person has failed to comply with the terms of the agreement;
- (iii) on failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of access granted;
- (iv) on account of overriding public interest or for protection of environment and conservation of biological diversity, or of protection of the rights, livelihood and knowledge of local communities.

(2) No order of such revocation, restriction or modification, as the case may be, shall be made without making such inquiries in this regard and without giving the person so affected an opportunity of being heard.

(3) The Board shall send a copy of such order of revocation, restriction or modification issued by it to the Biodiversity Management Committee concerned, for prohibiting the access and also to assess the damage, if any, caused and take steps to recover the damage;

17. **Restriction on activities related to access to biological resources.**- (1) The Board, if it deems necessary and appropriate, shall take steps to restrict or regulate or prohibit the request for access to biological resources for the following reasons, namely:-

- (i) the request for access is for any threatened taxa, or taxa that is likely to become threatened due to such access;
- (ii) the request for access is for any endemic and rare species;
- (iii) the request for access may likely result in adverse effect on the livelihood, culture, or indigenous knowledge of the local people;
- (iv) the request for access may result in adverse environmental impact which may be difficult to control and mitigate;
- (v) the request for access may cause genetic erosion or affecting the ecosystem function; or
- (vi) the request for access may be for use of resources for purposes contrary to national interest and other related international agreements entered into by the country.

(2) No order of restriction under sub-rule (1) shall be made without making inquiries in this regard, consulting the local bodies and Biodiversity Management Committees concerned and without giving the person so affected an opportunity of being heard.

18. **Operation of State Biodiversity Fund.**- (1) The Board shall have bank accounts in a Nationalised Bank, which shall be operated by the Secretary or by such other officer of the Board as may be authorised in this regard by the Board.

(2) The State Biodiversity Fund shall have two separate heads of accounts, one relating to receipts (grants and loans) from the Central Government, National Biodiversity Authority and State Government including receipts from such sources as decided by the Government and the other head of account concerning the fee of other nature such as collection fee and other receipts of the Board.

(3) The Board shall have power to receive the funds from national donor agencies or individuals in accordance with law.

(4) The Board may frame guidelines on ways to ensure that decisions regarding the management and use of the fund are transparent and accountable to the public.

19. **Annual report and annual statement of accounts.**- (1) The Board shall prepare its annual report and the annual statement of accounts for each financial year giving detailed account of its activities, achievements and such other details as it may consider appropriate and necessary in Form-II and submit a copy of the same to the Government within the period specified under sub-rule (3).

(2) The Board shall lay down the procedure for maintaining the accounts. The accounts of the Board shall be audited annually by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Expenditure towards this shall be payable by the Board. Board has the power to conduct audit at anytime.

(3) The Board shall submit the annual report together with the audited statement of accounts for each financial year to the Government by September of each year so as to enable the Government to lay the annual report and auditor's report before the Legislative Assembly.

(4) The accounts of the Board shall be audited by an auditor duly qualified to act as an auditor of companies under section 141 of the Companies Act 2013.

(5) The said auditor shall be appointed by the State Government on the advice of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(6) Every auditor appointed to audit the accounts of the Board under this Act shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect any of the offices of the Board.

(7) Every such auditor shall send a copy of his report together with an audit copy of the accounts to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for comments.

(8) After the receipt of the comments from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, it is to be placed before the Annual General Meeting of the Board. The annual report together with the audited statement of accounts for each financial year shall be furnished to the Government by September of each year so as to enable the Government to lay the annual report and auditor's report before the Legislative Assembly.

20. Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs).- Subject to the provisions of rules prescribed by the Central Government and the guidelines issued by the National Biodiversity Authority on this subject,-

(1) Every local body shall constitute a Biodiversity Management Committee within its areas for the purposes specified in Section 41 of the Act;

(2) The Biodiversity Management Committee as constituted under sub-rule (1) shall consist of a Chairperson and not more than six persons nominated by the local body, of whom, not less than one-third should be women and not less than 18% should belong to Scheduled Castes I Scheduled Tribes. The persons to be nominated should be the residents within the local limits of the local body and their name should be in the latest voters' list, published by the Election Commission of India;

(3) The Biodiversity Management Committee shall have a tenure co-terminus with the tenure of the local body. However, the Biodiversity Management Committee will continue to operate, until a new Committee is constituted;

(4) The Chairperson of the local body shall be the ex-officio member of the Biodiversity Management Committee. The Chairperson of the Biodiversity Management Committee shall be elected from amongst the members of the said Committee in a meeting to be chaired by the Chairperson of the local body. The Chairperson of the local body shall have the casting vote in case of a tie. In case of absence or vacancy of the Chairperson of the local body, the authority who delivers the functions of such Chairperson, shall act as the Chairperson of the Biodiversity Management Committee for such action;

(5) The Chairperson of the Biodiversity Management Committee shall have a tenure of three years;

(6) The local body may nominate six special invitees from the Government Departments, such as, Forest, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Rural Development, Education etc.;

(7) The Member of the Legislative Assembly and Member of Parliament of the area would be special invitees to the meetings of the Biodiversity Management Committee;

(8) The Biodiversity Management Committee shall meet at least four times in a year and meet at least once in 3 months. The meeting shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Biodiversity Management Committee and in his absence by a Presiding Officer to be elected by the members present from among themselves. The quorum at every meeting shall be three including the Chairperson and excluding official members. Minutes or proceedings of the Biodiversity Management Committee meeting will be drawn and submitted to the Nodal Officer concerned;

(9) The Government, on the recommendation of the Board shall designate an officer as the Secretary of the Biodiversity Management Committee;

(10) The Government, on the recommendation of the Board may designate nodal officer for each District to oversee the various matters of the Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) within the district;

(11) The Biodiversity Management Committee shall function from the office premises provided by the local body.

21. Role and Responsibilities of Biodiversity Management Committees.- The role and responsibilities of Biodiversity Management Committee shall be,-

(i) Preparation of the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR);

(ii) Conservation and sustainable utilization of biological resources outside forest areas;

(iii) Eco-restoration of the local biodiversity outside forest areas;

- (iv) Proper feedback to the Board and National Biodiversity Authority in the matter of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Traditional Knowledge (TK) and local biodiversity issues;
- (v) Management of Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) including heritage trees, animals, micro organisms, sacred groves and sacred water bodies;
- (vi) Regulation of access to the biological resources and associated Traditional Knowledge (TK) for commercial purpose;
- (vii) Sharing of usufructs arising out of commercial use of bio-resources in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- (viii) Conservation of traditional varieties and breeds of economically important plants and animals;
- (ix) Biodiversity education and awareness building;
- (x) Documentation, enabling development of procedure to develop bio-cultural protocols;
- (xi) Ensure sustainable use of bio-resources.

22. People's Biodiversity Register and method of preparation.- (1) Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register is mandated under the sub-rule (6) of rule 22 of Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 and is the main function of the Biodiversity Management Committee. The People's Biodiversity Register shall contain comprehensive information on availability and knowledge of local biological resources (flora and fauna) their medicinal or any other use or any other traditional knowledge associated with them.

(2) The People's Biodiversity Register shall be maintained and validated by the Biodiversity Management Committee and it shall be kept in safe custody and protected against the misuse and appropriation by the outsiders, with careful consideration of the value of the resource.

(3) The Biodiversity Management Committee shall also maintain a register giving information about the details of access to biological resources and traditional knowledge granted, collection fee imposed, benefits derived and the mode of their sharing.

23. Local Biodiversity Fund (LBF).- (1) Local Biodiversity Fund (LBF) shall be constituted in every area notified by the Government where any institution of self- government is functioning, under sub-section (1) of Section 43 of the Biological Diversity Act. The Local Biodiversity Fund shall be credited with fees and charges levied by the Biodiversity Management Committee and grants from the State Government, Board and National Biodiversity Authority.

(2) The Local Biodiversity Fund shall be operated jointly by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Biodiversity Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Biodiversity Management Committee. The Secretary of the Biodiversity Management Committee shall maintain the accounts of the Biodiversity Management Committee and this task shall be treated as an additional charge. Honorarium shall be paid to the Secretary of the Biodiversity Management Committee for the said Service rendered as fixed by the Government on the recommendation of the Board.

(3) The Local Biodiversity Fund shall be used for the purposes specified in sub-section (2) of Section 44 of the Act and also be specifically used to provide livelihood support to those villagers who have shifted out or are in the process of shifting from unsustainable livelihoods to sustainable ones;

(4) The Biodiversity Management Committee shall be the custodian of the Local Biodiversity Fund.

(5) Managing and Monitoring Local Biodiversity Fund:

The Biodiversity Management Committee shall prepare the annual report for each year giving detailed accounts of its activities. The annual report shall invariably contain.-

- I. (a) the name of the Committee;
- (b) the period to which the report relates;
- (c) the incumbency of office for the period;
- (d) detailed statement of programmes of action for the year;
- (e) detailed report on the activities performed during the year; and
- (f) a brief account of financial position of the committee.
- II. The account of the Local Biodiversity Fund shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant or the Examiner of Local Fund Audit.
- III. The Biodiversity Management Committee shall submit the annual report together with the audited statement of accounts in Form III to the District Collector through the local Body by the 30th of September to enable the District Collector to submit to the Board.

APPENDIX

FORM I

[See rule 15(1)]

APPLICATION FOR PROVIDING PRIOR INTIMATION FOR ACCESS TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR COMMERCIAL UTILISATION AND ASSOCIATED TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND BIO-SURVEY AND BIO-UTILISATION FOR COMMERCIAL UTILISATION

PART A

1. Full particulars of the applicant :-
 - (a) Name :
 - (b) Permanent address :
 - (c) Address of the contact person / agent, if any :
 - (d) Profile of the organisation (personal profile in case the applicant is an individual). Please attach relevant documents of authentication :
 - (e) Nature of business :
 - (f) Turnover of the organisation in Rupees :
2. Details and specific information about nature of access sought for and biological material and or associated knowledge to be accessed :-
 - (a) Identification (scientific name) of biological resource and its traditional use :
 - (b) Geographical location (including where applicable, sub-division and district) of proposed collection :
 - (c) Description nature of traditional knowledge and its existing manifestations and uses (oral documented) :
 - (d) Any identified individual family community holding the traditional knowledge :
 - (e) Quantity of biological resource to be collected (give the schedule) :
 - (f) Time span within which the biological resources are proposed to be collected :
 - (g) Name and number of persons authorised by the company for making the collection :
 - (h) The purpose for which the access is requested including the type and extent of bio survey and bioutilisation for commercial use being derived and expected to be derived from it :
 - (i) Whether any collection or use of the resource endangers any component of biological diversity and the risks, which may arise from the access :
3. Estimation of benefits that would flow to communities arising out of the use of accessed bio-resources and traditional knowledge :
4. Any other information :

PART B**Declaration**

I/we undertake that.....

- collection and use of proposed, biological resources shall not adversely affect the sustainability of the resources;
- collection and use of proposed biological resources shall not entail any environmental impact;
- collection and use of proposed biological resources shall not pose any risk to biodiversity including eco-systems, species and genetic diversity;
- collection and use of proposed biological resources shall not adversely affect the local communities.

I/we further declare that the information provided in the application is true and correct and I/we shall be responsible for any incorrect / wrong information.

Signature of the applicant.

Place:

Date:

FORM-II

[See rule 19 (1)]

Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board

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FORM-III

[See rule 23 (5)]

Gram Panchayat/Town Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation Biodiversity Management Committee

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Md. NASIMUDDIN,
Principal Secretary to Government.