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FOREST, ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT
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**Subject: Reconstitution of Ladakh Biodiversity Council in the Union Territory of Ladakh
for implementing Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Amended 2023)**

**Order No: 16 of 2024
Dated: 25-01-2024**

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (amended 2023) read with Office Memorandum *F. No. NBA/9/42/2005-SBB/UT-L dated 31.12.2019* and in suppression of Order No. 12 of 2020-21 dated 30-07-2020, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh is pleased to reconstitute "**Ladakh Biodiversity Council**" with the following composition for the purpose of the said Act:-

A	Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh	Chairperson
B	<i>Ex-Officio Members</i>	
1	Administrative Secretary, Deptt. of Forest, Ecology and Environment	Member
2	Administrative Secretary, Deptt. of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj	Member
3	Administrative Secretary, Deptt. of Social and Tribal Welfare	Member
4	Administrative Secretary, Animal & Sheep Husbandry Deptt.	Member
5	Administrative Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Deptt.	Member
6	Chief Wildlife Warden, Ladakh	Member
7	Chief Conservator of Forests, Ladakh	Member Secretary
C	<i>Non-official Members</i>	
1	Dr. C.M. Seth, IFS (Retd.), Eminent Wildlife Expert	Expert Member
2	Sh. Om Prakash Sharma, IFS (Retd.), Eminent Biodiversity Expert	Expert Member
3	Mr. Jigmat Takpa, IFS (Retd.), Former PCCF, UT Ladakh	Expert Member
4	Dr. Padma Gurmet, Head, National Research Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Ladakh	Expert Member
5	Dr. Niazul Khan, Project Investigator, Bombay Natural History Society, Ladakh	Expert Member

I. Functions of the Council

The functions of the Biodiversity Council as per Office Memorandum issued by the National Biodiversity Authority, shall be to:

- Regulate access to biological resources for commercial utilization as specified under Section 7 of the Act, within their jurisdiction.
- Supervise the formation of functioning of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) and preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs).

II. Terms and Conditions

- a. The term of office of the non-official members of the Ladakh Biodiversity Council shall be for a period of three years from the date of issue of the order by the UT Administration.
- b. The office of the Ladakh Biodiversity Council shall be at the place designated for the purpose by the competent authority of the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- c. The Council shall function as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Amd. 2023), along with Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 and amendments made thereafter.
- d. The UT Administration shall constitute a fund which shall be known as the "Ladakh Biodiversity Council Fund" and all the fees, charges and benefit sharing amount received by the Council shall be used only for the purposes mentioned in the Section 27(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Amd. 2023).
- e. The administrative expenses towards the functioning of the Council shall be borne by the UT Administration.
- f. The Council shall perform the functions within the jurisdiction of the Union Territory as has been vested to the State Biodiversity Boards under various provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Amd. 2023).
- g. The Council shall in consultation with National Biodiversity Authority notify the format and procedure for seeking approval as required under Section 7 of the Act.
- h. The Ladakh Biodiversity Council, as stipulated in Biological Diversity Act, 2002(Amd. 2023), shall come into existence from the date of issue of this Order.

By order of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.


(Dr. Vasanthakumar Namasivayam, IAS)
Commissioner Secretary,
Forest, Ecology & Environment,
UT of Ladakh

No: Com.Secy/FE&E/UTL/2024/02/250-54

Dated: 25 -01-2024

Copy to the:

1. Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority, GoI, Chennai.
2. Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, GoI, Chennai.
3. OSD to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, for kind information of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT Ladakh.
4. OSD to Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, for kind information of the Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT Ladakh.
5. All the afore-mentioned Members (*ex-officio and non-official members*) of the Ladakh Biodiversity Council.