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Subject: Constitution of Ladakh Biodiversity Council in the Union Territory of Ladakh for implementing Biological Diversity Act, 2002

Order No. 12 OF 2020-21

Dated: 30 - 07 - 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of Section 22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 read with Office Memorandum *F.No. NBA/9/42/2005-SBB/UT-L* dated 31.12.2019 and the National Biodiversity Authority letter No. *F.No. NBA/9/279/2009-SBB/UT-L/3458* dated: 20.01.2020, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor UT-Ladakh is pleased to constitute the "Ladakh Biodiversity Council" with the following members for the purpose of the said Act:

Chairman	Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh
Ex-Officio Members	
1	Administrative Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment
2	Administrative Secretary, Rural Development Department
3	Chief Conservator of Forests
4	Chief Wild Life Warden (Member Secretary)
5	Director, Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research

Non-Officio Members	
1	Dr. Padma Gurmet, National Research Institute of Sowa Rigpa, Leh
2	Representative, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Regional Centre, Ladakh
3	Dr. Javed Iqbal, HoD Zoology department, Degree College, Kargil
4	Mr. Jigmet Dadul, Senior Program Manager, Snow Leopard Conservancy India Trust
5	Ms. Stanzin Namdol, Consultant – Community based Natural Resource Management, SECURE Himalaya, UNDP, Department of Wildlife Protection, Ladakh

i) Functions of the Council

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

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

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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 and the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004.
- 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 Section 27(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- 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.
- 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 shall come into existence from the date of issue of the Order.

By order of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor

**Sd/-
(Rigzian Sampheal) IAS
Commissioner Secretary
Forest, Ecology & Environment,
UT-Ladakh**

No. *CWLW/LBC/2020/230-35*

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Copy to the:-

1. Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority
2. Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority
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, UT Ladakh
5. OSD to Commissioner Secretary, for kind information of the Commissioner Secretary, UT Ladakh
6. All the afore-mentioned Members of the Council for information.

(Md. Sajid Sultan) IFS
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Chief Wild Life Warden
Union Territory of Ladakh**