

**MINUTES OF 1ST MEETING OF CENTRAL PBR MONITORING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 25.10.2021.**

First Meeting of Central PBR Monitoring Committee was held on 25.10.2021 at 11.00 AM in the Committee Room of Haryana State Biodiversity Board at Panchkula.

The list of the officers who attended the meeting is annexed at Annexure-A.

1. Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS, Chairman, HSBB welcomed Dr. P.K.Singh, Principal Scientist (Retd.), NBAGR, Karnal and Dr. Neelima Jerath, DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala (Central PBR Monitoring Committee Members), Chairman & Members of SLPBRQMC and all Technical Support Groups (TSGs) Heads for attending the meeting.

The Chairman, HSBB informed the Committee that HSBB has engaged 7 Technical Support Groups (TSGs) for preparing PBRs in 22 districts of the State. 6435 BMCs have been constituted and first draft of 6437 PBRs has already been submitted to NBA in compliance of NGT orders. 2nd draft of PBRs is being prepared by the TSGs and more than 50% of the PBRs have so far been updated using the primary data. Regular Meetings with TSGs are held by HSBB to review the progress and quality of the PBRs and trainings imparted to BMCs. The observations/ comments are conveyed to the TSGs to improve the quality of PBRs.

The Chairman, HSBB also informed that the State Government had constituted a 4 Members State Level PBR Quality Monitoring Committee (SLPBRQMC) in April, 2021. The SLPBRQMC has conducted 5 meetings so far with HSBB and TSGs and observations of the Committee have been conveyed to the TSGs for improving the quality of PBRs. This Committee visited about 70 Gram Panchayats during the month of August to know the ground reality and assess the progress of PBRs and their quality. SLPBRQMC has observed that after their meetings with TSGs and field visits of Gram Panchayats, some improvement has been seen in the quality of PBRs, but there is still lot of scope for improvement.

The Chairman also informed that the State Government has also constituted District Level Experts Committees (DLECs) under Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioners of the concerned districts. Meetings of these DLECs are being regularly held to validate the PBRs.

HSBB has conducted a 2 days' Workshop on "Skill Development on Biodiversity Documentation & Preparation of PBRs of Haryana" on 21 & 22.10.2021 at Panchkula. Subject Matter Experts from various Universities, Colleges and other Organizations were invited as Resource Persons to train the TSG Teams and District Coordinators, HSBB on various aspects of biodiversity as per Formats of the PBR.

2. Dr. P.K.Singh and Dr. Neelima Jerath appreciated the efforts of HSBB for preparing first draft of all PBRs and constitution of all BMCs in the State. They wanted that PBRs must include all the flora and fauna, whether wild or cultivated/domesticated along with the available Traditional Knowledge (TKs) of the area under jurisdiction of PBR. Therefore, sincere efforts with active participation of the people would be required. The members of the Central Committee appreciated the efforts of HSBB for conducting the trainings and urged the HSBB to conduct more such trainings in future, if required. The HSBB should also see the best PBRs prepared by other states like Kerala as model PBR.

The Committee was of the view that PBR is an important document and the TSGs should spend more time in each village and collect maximum data for the PBRs and Scientific/Botanical names of Species should be correct in all respects. The species wise and format wise information should be filled up properly with the help of line Department officers/ officials wherever required as they could be very useful for the same. The Committee observed that most of the TSGs have completed less than 50% work till date and suggested that the TSGs should increase their field staff to complete the works of PBR preparation in a stipulated time. Information regarding Access and Benefit Sharing should also be shared with the BMC members and villagers to attract them towards the importance of this document.

3. The Chairman and Members of SLPBRQMC informed the Central PBRMC that they had conducted meetings with TSGs and some field visits had also been done by them in August, 2021 and detailed comments/ observations had been conveyed to the TSGs and HSBB. List of Scientific names of species was provided and the TSGs were guided to improve the quality of PBRs. Some PBRs prepared by the TSGs had been reviewed and observations/ shortcomings were sent to HSBB and TSGs. SLPBRQMC was of the view that there is some improvement in the PBRs.
4. The TSGs assured the Central PBR Monitoring Committee that they are trying their level best to prepare best quality PBRs. The observations/ comments/ shortcomings highlighted by the SLPBRQMC as well as HSBB have been taken care of and the PBRs have been rectified/ revised accordingly. They have attended 2 days Workshop conducted by HSBB to facilitate them to prepare good quality PBRs and found it quite useful. As per guidance of HSBB and SLPBRQMC, they have inserted State, District, Block, PRA maps in the PBRs, Resolutions of GPs, improved the Executive Summaries of villages etc. Due to Covid-19 situation, they were not able to visit Gram Panchayats for months and this caused unnecessary delay in preparation of PBRs.

The TSGs also informed the Committee about district wise progress of preparation of PBRs, training to BMCs, opening of Bank Accounts etc. TSGs wanted that some directions should be issued from Deputy Commissioner to the line department officers/ officials to assist them in filling up of various Formats of PBRs.

Some of the TSGs were of the view that the Amount of Rs. 20500/- allotted by HSBB for preparation of a PBR at Gram Panchayat/ Municipal Committee/ Zila Parishad level in the MoU is not sufficient and requested for some revision to meet increased costs during the last one and half year.

5. After thorough discussions, following decisions were taken:
 - a. The Central PBR Monitoring Committee will visit some Gram Panchayats/ BMCs of Ambala and Karnal Districts on 26 & 27.10.2021.
 - b. The TSGs will increase the strength of their field staff to complete the work of preparation of PBRs in a time bound manner as stipulated in the MoU.
 - c. The TSGs will ensure that the quality of PBRs is of high standard.
 - d. Every TSG will submit its Monthly Work Plan in advance and Progress Report to HSBB.
 - e. All TSGs will maintain record of each Gram Panchayat regarding PRA, Training imparted to BMCs, Collection of data etc. in the proforma already decided by HSBB.
 - f. TK and ABS potential of each Gram Panchayat should be mentioned in the PBRs.
 - g. The issue of enhancement of amount for preparation of PBRs will be sympathetically considered by the Chairman, HSBB, taking into view the resources available with HSBB for the purpose.

The Chairman, HSBB thanked the Members of Central PBR Monitoring Committee, Chairman and Members of SLPBRQMC, TSGs and all other participants for attending the meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.
2. Dr. P.K.Singh, Principal Scientist (Retd.), Member, Central PBR Monitoring Committee.
3. Dr. Neelima Jerath, DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala, Member, Central PBR Monitoring Committee.
4. Chairman & Members, SLPBRQMC, Haryana
5. All Technical Support Groups (TSGs), HSBB, Haryana
6. All District Coordinators, HSBB, Haryana

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Chairman
HSBB, Panchkula

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1. Sh. Vineet Kumar Garg, IFS, Chairman, HSBB
2. Dr.P.K.Singh, Principal Scientist(Retd.),NBAGR, Karnal Member, CPBRMC
3. Dr. Neelima Jerath, DG, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala, Member, CPBRMC
4. Dr.G.V.Reddy, IFS (Retd.), Chairman, SLPBRQMC
5. Dr. Ram Chand, ADG (KVK), ICAR (Retd.) Member, SLPBRQMC
6. Dr.Samunder Singh, Professor (Retd.) Member, SLPBRQMC
7. Dr.Sharda R. Gupta, Ex. Professor, Member, SLPBRQMC
8. Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Scientific Officer, HSBB (Special invitee)
9. Sh. Prakash Mehta, Scientific Officer, HSBB
10. Sh. Somashekhar B.S., Scientist-F, TDU
11. Dr. S.S.Grewal, President, SPACE (TSG)
12. Sh. H.S.Lohan, SPACE (TSG)
13. Sh. Dhananjay Kumar, MD, NH Consulting Pvt. Ltd. (TSG)
14. Sh. Satish Sharma, President, ChhaviCharitable Society (TSG)
15. Dr.Ved Parkash, Director, Maaty (TSG)
16. Ms Pratiksha Mahar, Senior Research, Maaty (TSG)
17. Sh. Abhishek Rajdeep, CEO, Everain Global Pvt. Ltd. (TSG)
18. Sh. Ambinash C. Chaubey, Everain Global (TSG)
19. Sh. Saurabh Singh, Representative, Datamation (TSG)
20. Sh. Manish Kumar, Representative, Datamation)TSG

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