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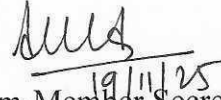
To

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
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2. Director General, AYUSH
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3. Director General, Agriculture
Krishi Bhawan, Sector-21, Panchkula
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Pashudhan Bhawan, Sector-2, Panchkula
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6. Director, Forest Research Institute,
New Forest, Dehradun
7. Director, Wildlife Institute of India
Chandrabani, Dehradun
8. Director, National Bureau for Plant Genetic
Resources, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
9. Director, National Bureau for Animal Genetic
Resources, Makrampur Campus,
GT Road Bye Pass, Karnal

Subject:- 16th Meeting of the Haryana State Biodiversity Board.

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With reference to the subject mentioned above, please find enclosed minutes of the 16th meeting of Haryana State Biodiversity Board held on 04.11.2025 at 12.00 Noon in hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Sh. Randeep Singh Jauhar, Chairman, Haryana State Biodiversity Board in the committee room of HSBB for information and necessary action.



PCCF-cum-Member Secretary
Haryana State Biodiversity Board
Panchkula

**MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF HARYANA STATE BIODIVERSITY
BOARD HELD ON 04.11.2025 AT 12.00 NOON IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF HSBB, PANCHKULA**

Haryana State Biodiversity Board

Date: 04th November, 2025

Time: 12.00 Noon



The 16th Board Meeting of the Haryana State Biodiversity Board (HSBB) was convened under the chairmanship of Sh. Randeep Singh Jauhar, Chairman, HSBB, in hybrid mode on 4th November, 2025, at 12:00 Noon.

The list of participating Members/Officers is attached as **Annexure-A**.

The meeting began with introductions. Sh. Atul J. Sirsikar, IFS, Member Secretary, HSBB, welcomed the Chairman and all members and provided an overview of the Board's activities in Haryana.

Agenda-wise discussions were held in detail, and the following decisions were taken:

Agenda Item No. 16.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Board Meeting held on 16th June, 2025.

The minutes of the 15th Board Meeting were presented by the Member Secretary. The Board confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 16.06.2025.

Agenda Item No. 16.2: Action Taken Report (ATR) on Decisions of the 15th Board Meeting

The Action Taken Report of the 15th Board Meeting, placed at Annexure-B of the agenda items, was reviewed.

The members expressed satisfaction and approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 16.3: Reconsideration of the proposal for Creation of Posts in Haryana State Biodiversity Board.

The Member Secretary apprised the Board of a detailed proposal for creating 55 posts, submitted via U.O. No. HSBB/199 dated 30.05.2024. A letter from the Additional Chief Secretary (Environment, Forests&Wildlife Department) regarding submission of the proposal in agenda note format with justification has been received. The Member Secretary proposed sending a revised proposal.

The Board decided that a revised proposal would be sent.

Agenda Item No. 16.4: Progress of preparation and updation of People' s Biodiversity Register (PBR).

7 The Member Secretary appraised the board that HSBB has engaged Technical Support Groups (TSGs) for the preparation of People's Biodiversity Register (PBR) and training to Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at all local bodies level i.e. Gram Panchayat, Block Samiti, Municipal Corporation/ Council/ Committee and Zila Parishad level. It was informed that the work of preparation and updating of PBRs at Gram Panchayat level has been almost completed and submitted in hard and soft copies in HSBB while preparation of 3rd draft at Block/MC/Zila Parishad level is under process.

A detailed status report of PBR submissions was presented before the Board for information. The Board noted the progress.

Agenda Item No.16.5: Review of progress regarding reconstitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs).

The Member Secretary informed the Board that, as per the provisions of Section 41 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, a total of 6,444 Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) had been constituted in the State of Haryana with the support of the Panchayati Raj Department. The tenure of these BMCs is coterminous with the tenure of the respective Panchayats. Since the elections of all local bodies were completed during October and November 2022, the existing BMCs have completed their tenure. Consequently, the reconstitution of BMCs is currently under process.

Progress reports regarding the status of reconstitution have been received from the respective District Coordinators, and a compiled report was presented before the Board for information. Out of 6234 BMCs at Gram Panchayat level, 3867 BMCs have been reconstituted. The Member Secretary informed the Board that review meetings are being held by the Board to review the progress. The Chairman, HSBB, directed that the reconstitution of BMCs should be completed by the end of this financial year.

The Board took note of the progress.

Agenda Item No. 16.6: Progress regarding finalization of potential Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS).

The Member Secretary informed that Sh. Vinod Kumar, Consultant to Chairman, has visited ~~20~~¹⁹ different sites in Haryana and submitted detailed report in HSBB. Additionally, an Expert Committee is to be constituted to proceed further in this matter. The

Chairman suggested that Board may constitute an Internal Committee to shortlist the potential sites as per the Guidelines on "Identification of Biodiversity Heritage Sites".

The Board decided that an Internal Committee shall be constituted within HSBB to scrutinize the proposed Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS). The Committee shall include members having adequate knowledge and expertise in biodiversity and BHS-related matters. The Committee will examine the suitability of the shortlisted sites based on the prescribed guidelines and submit its recommendations to the Board for further consideration and approval. *It was also decided that the committee shall also visit/review Elephants Crossing Corridor in Yamunanagar as additional BHS.*

Agenda Item No. 16.7: Progress regarding finalization of potential Biodiversity Parks with specific reference to: Kohliwala, Yamunanagar, Budpur, Rewari and Bambolia, Jhajjar.



The Member Secretary informed the Board that proposals for the establishment of Biodiversity Parks at Kohliwala (Yamunanagar), Bhudpur (Rewari), and Bambulia (Jhajjar) are under active process.

Letters have been issued to the respective Divisional Forest Officers (Yamunanagar, Rewari, and Jhajjar) to explore the possibility of action under Section 38 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.

Response from the concerned DFOs are awaited in the matter.

Agenda Item No. 16.8: Any Other Agenda Item with the Permission of the Chair.

1. Extension of Contract period of TSGs.

The Member Secretary informed the Board that the MoU was signed with Technical Support Groups (TSGs) in November, 2020 for a period of 5 months upto 31-03-2025. The same was further extended various times and last extension of MoU was granted by HSBB from 31.12.2024 to 31.03.2025. During review of the progress in April, 2025 it was observed that TSGs may need more time to submit validated PBRs at Block/MC/ZP level PBRs and proposed to accord extension upto 31.12.2025.

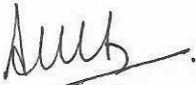
The board has approved the extension of MoU till 31.12.2025.

2. To take note of Token Diwali Gift to employees /contractual employees of HSBB.

The Board was apprised that the Diwali Token Gifts for the Financial Year 2024-25 was given (Rs. 1000/- per employee) to the Board Group C and D employees. Similarly, a Diwali Token Gift of Rs. 2000/- has been given to 31 employees during current financial year.

The Board approved Rs. 2,000/- per employee as Diwali Token Gift for the year 2025-26.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



Atul.J. Sirsikar
Member Secretary
HSBB, Panchkula



Randeep Singh Jauhar
Chairman,
HSBB, Panchkula

ANNEXURE - A**LIST OF MEMBERS OF BOARD ATTENDED THE 16th MEETING OF HARYANA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD HELD ON 16.06.2025 AT 11:00 AM**

Sr. No	Name of Officer	Designation	Name of Department/ Institution	Mode
1.	Sh. Randeep Singh Jauhar	Chairman	HSBB	Physical
2.	Sh. Atul J. Sirsika, IFS	Member Secretary	HSBB	Physical
3.	Dr. Narender Thakral	Veterinary Surgeon (H.Q.)	Animal Husbandry&Dairying	Physical
4.	Dr. Anil Banwala	Deputy Director	Animal Husbandry&Dairying	Physical
5.	Sh. Mahender Kumar	SMS State	Horticulture Department	Physical
6.	Dr. Amit Kumar	Scientist - D	Wildlife Institute of India	Virtual
7.	Ms. Nandini	Consultant (Medicinal Plants)	AYUSH, Haryana	Virtual

The following officers/officials also attended the meeting:

Sr. No	Name of Officer	Designation	Name of Department/ Institution	Mode
1.	Smt. Anita, HFS	ACF (H.Q)	HSBB	Physical
2.	Sh. Vinod Kumar	Consultant to Chairman	HSBB	Physical
3.	Sh. Vikram Pal Singh	Consultant	-	Physical
4.	Sh. Niranjan	Manager	Jamna Auto Industries Ltd., Yamunanagar	Physical