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अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप प्रशासन
(पर्यावरण एवं वन विभाग)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
(DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS)

NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 17th ^{April} March, 2020.

No. F-5 (Legal)/6/Vol.1 In exercise of the powers conferred to the National Biodiversity Authority under Section 22(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (No. 18 of 2003) read with the National Biodiversity Authority's Office Memorandum No. F.No.NBA/9/63/2005-SBB-A&N dated 31.12.2019, the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands is pleased to constitute the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Biodiversity Council for the purposes of the said Act consisting of the following members with immediate effect and until further orders:-

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| 1. Chief Secretary, A & N Administration | - Chairman |
| 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) | - Member Secretary |

Ex-Officio Members:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
2. Secretary (Agriculture), A & N Administration
3. Secretary (AH&VS), A & N Administration
4. Secretary (Fisheries), A & N Administration

Expert Members:

1. Officer-in-charge, Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair
2. Officer-in-charge, Botanical Survey of India, Port Blair
3. Director, Indian Council of Medical Research, Port Blair
4. Director, Central Agriculture Research Institute, Port Blair.
5. Any other eminent person(s) having experience and knowledge regarding Biodiversity.

The Headquarters of the Biodiversity Council shall be at Port Blair. The functions of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Biodiversity Council shall be:

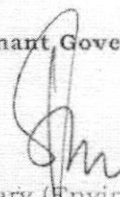
- a) Regulating access to biological resources for commercial utilization as specified under Section 7 of the Act, within their jurisdiction.
- b) Supervising the formation and functioning of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) and preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs).

Terms and Conditions:

- a. The Term of office of the non-official members of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Biodiversity Council shall be for a period of three years from the date of issue of the Order by UT Administration.

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- b. The office of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Biodiversity Council shall be at the place designated for the purpose by the Competent Authority of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
 - c. The Council shall function as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act 18 of 25003) and the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004.
 - d. The UT Administration shall constitute a fund which shall be known as the 'Andaman & Nicobar Islands Biodiversity Council Fund' and all the fees, charges and benefit sharing amount received by the Council shall be credited to it. The amount so received in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Biodiversity Council Fund 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 procedures for seeking approval as required under Section 7 of the Act.
 - h. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the said OM dated 31.12.2019, the National Biodiversity Authority may, by order, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, remove the difficulty.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor, A & N Islands



Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Environment & Forests)
Andaman & Nicobar Administration

Copy to:

1. The Manager, Govt. Press, Port Blair with the request to publish the above notification in the Extra-Ordinary Gazette forthwith. 100 copies of the gazette notification may be sent to this Administration.