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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Reconstitution of the Expert Committee to suggest modifications to the existing notifications, to develop model guidelines for framing Rules by the State Government for notifying, conserving and managing the areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites(BHS) – reg.

Ref: 1. Office Order No. NBA/Tech/EC/9/14/35/19/25-26/3125, dt: 17.03.2026
2. Office Order No. NBA/Tech/EC/9/14/35/19/25-26/373 dt:11.06.2026

In exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 as amended in 2023, National Biodiversity Authority vide office order cited at ref.1 reconstituted an Expert Committee "to suggest modifications to the existing notifications, to develop model guidelines for framing Rules by the State Government for the conservation and management of the Biodiversity Heritage Sites and other matters".

2. Subsequently, vide office cited at ref.2 modified the Para 4(a) of the Terms of Reference of the Committee as "To develop model guidelines for framing Rules by the State Government for notifying, conserving and managing the areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites."

3. In order to complete the terms of reference (ToR) vested with the Expert Committee and the ongoing process of finalisation of model guidelines for framing Rules by the State Government for notifying, conserving and managing the areas of biodiversity importance as Biodiversity Heritage Sites, the tenure of the Expert Committee on BHS is hereby extended upto 15.11.2026.

4. The Composition of the Expert Committee and other terms & conditions will remain same as per the Office Order under references.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

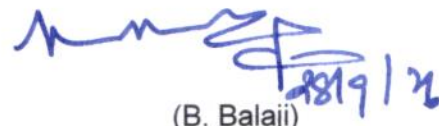
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