



THE ASSAM GAZETTE

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
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ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 29th September, 2010

No.FRW.57/2005/311 :- In exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (I) of Section-22 of the Bio-logical diversity, Act, 2002 (Act 18 of 2003), the Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute the "Assam Biodiversity Board" to promote biodiversity conservation in the State of Assam, sustainable use of its components and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of use of biological resources of the State and traditional knowledge associated with these resources and matters incidental thereto or connected therewith.

The Assam Biodiversity Board shall consist of the following members.

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| 1. Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam | Chairperson |
| 2. Principal Secretary/Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Environment and Forest Department. | Ex-officio Member |
| 3. Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Agriculture Department. | Ex-officio Member |
| 4. Chief Conservator of Forests Biodiversity, Assam | Ex-officio Member |
| 5. The Director, Agriculture Department, Government of Assam | Ex-officio Member |
| 6. The Director, Fisheries Department, Government of Assam | Ex-officio Member |
| 7. Professor Shard Borkotoky, Nagaon College | Expert Member |
| 8. Shri R. C. Goswami, CCF (Retd.) | Expert Member |
| 9. Dr. P. C. Bhattacharjee, (Retd.) Zoology Department G.U. | Expert Member |
| 10. Professor Anil Goswami (Retd.) Department of Environment (G.U.) | Expert Member |
| 11. Dr. Aparajeta Dey Ph. D., Assam University, Silchar-1 | Expert Member |

The Governor of Assam is pleased to nominate the following officials as special invitees to the meeting of the Assam Bio-diversity Board.

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department.
2. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

The Governor of Assam is also pleased to nominate CCF (Bio-diversity) to act as the Secretary to the Assam Biodiversity Board.

Term of office :

The Term of office of the Chairperson and members (other than ex-officio members) shall be three years.

Power, function and responsibilities :

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Biological diversity Act, 2002 (Act 18 of 2003) the Assam Biodiversity Board shall exercise powers, perform function and discharge responsibilities as laid down and mandated under the "Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010".

Powers and responsibilities of the Chairperson :

The Chairperson shall exercise such powers and discharge such responsibilities as laid down and mandated under Section-15 of the Assam Bio-diversity Rules, 2010.

Functions of the Secretary :

The Secretary of the Assam Bio-diversity Board shall perform such functions as laid down and mandated under Section-11 of the Assam Bio-diversity Rules, 2010.

Terms of Reference of the Assam Bio-diversity Board :

1. The Activities of the Assam Biodiversity Board shall be essentially and strictly governed by the provisions of the Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010.
2. The Assam Bio-diversity Board shall consult the National Bio-diversity Authority (NBA) and the Biodiversity Management Committees, as and when required, while taking decisions relating to use of biological resources of the state and traditional knowledge associated with such resources.
3. The Assam Bio-diversity Board shall, in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under the Assam Bio-diversity Rules, 2010, be bound by such directions on questions of policy as the state government may give to it in writing from time to time under sub-section(1) of Section-49 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. Provided that the Assam Bio-diversity Board shall as far as practicable, be given an opportunity to express its views before any direction is given under the said provision.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forest (Bio-diversity) will function as the Secretary of the Assam Bio-diversity, Board.
5. The Assam Bio-diversity Board would meet from time to time as required.
6. TA/DA of non-official members would be born out of funds provided by the State Government for the purpose/State Bio-diversity Fund. TA/DA of official members would be born by their respective parent Departments.

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