## Proceedings of the Member Secretary, Kerala State Biodiversity Board (Present: Dr. Dinesan Cheruvat)

KSBB - District Level Technical Support Group 2017- Reconstituted - Orders issued

## KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD

No. 268/A5/2016/KSBB

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## ORDER

Rule 20 of the Kerala Biological Diversity Rules, 2008 provides that every local body shall constitute a Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) within its area of jurisdiction. Accordingly, BMCs are to be constituted at Gramapanchayat level as well as Municipality and Corporation levels.

Rule 20 (6) of the notification is that a Technical Support Group (TSG) comprising of experts in the field of biodiversity drawn from Government agencies, NGOs, academic field, community and individuals shall be established by the State Biodiversity Board. The expert group shall lend support to BMCs.

District level Technical Support Group consisting of experts from the field of Life Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Geology, Legal experts in the biodiversity areas and scholars of Ecology and Environment.

Accordingly a district level Technical Support Group is reconstituted at 14 districts of the State to support the Biodiversity Management Committees in the Local Self Government bodies, for giving active support to the preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBR) and biodiversity / environment related issues. In Ernakulam district, the Technical Support Group consists of the following members:

- 1 Dr. Sugathan Scientist Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary Njayappally P.O., Kothamangalam Ernakulam Mob: 9946275492
- 2 Dr. Jagannadh Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Zoology St. Peter's College Kolencherry – 682311 Mob: 9447661395
- 3 Dr. Gigi. K. Joseph Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology Nirmala College Muvattupuzha Mob: 9447432891

4 Shri. Ebin P.J. Assistant Professor Dept. of Botany S H College Thevara, Kochi Mob: 9747963031

5 Dr. Abraham Mathew Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany St. Peter's College, Kolencherry Mob: 9495470514

The key mandate of the Technical Support Group at the district level will be to ensure conservation, utilization and equitable sharing of benefits from the biodiversity. The Technical Support Group shall facilitate the preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers at Gramapanchayat/ Municipality/ Corporation levels by using the process and the format set by the Board. The Register shall contain comprehensive information on availability and knowledge of local biological resources, their medicinal or any other use or any other traditional knowledge associated with them. The TSG shall extend their expertise for updating the PBRs, provide help to BMCs in preparing Biodiversity Action Plan in their jurisdiction and support to Biodiversity Clubs constituted in schools and colleges.

The Technical Support Group shall prepare a Biodiversity Management Plan using output from People's Biodiversity Registers in consultation with the Kerala State Biodiversity Board at the district level. The Board is expecting the service of TSG in preparing enquiry reports on issues related to biodiversity / environment as and when required.

The term of office of the Technical Support Group shall be three years.

The expenditure will be met from PF-02/B/KSBB/2017 for the year 2017-2018.

Dr. Dinesan Cheruvat

Member Secretary

To,

All the members of TSG
District Coordinator
Concurrent Auditor
C.A to Chairman
Project Assistant, A1, O/c, Stock file