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(Research in Environment Division)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Constitution of Steering Committee in Research in Environment
(RE) Division of the Ministry – reg.**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & climate Change hereby constitutes the Steering Committee in Research & Development (R&D) Scheme in RE Division of the MoEF&CC with the following Composition:

Sl. No.	Composition of the Steering Committee	Chairman/members	Address
1.	Additional Secretary (EF&CC)	Chairperson (Official)	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi
2.	Financial Advisor or his nominee	Member (Official)	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi
3.	Chairperson, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)	Member (Official)	Central Pollution Control Board, parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi
4.	Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)	Member (Official)	National Biodiversity Authority, 5 th Floor, TICEL Bio Park, CSIR Road Taramani, Chennai- 600113
5.	Director, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)	Member (Official)	Zoological Survey of India, Prani Vigyan Bhawan, Block M, New Alipore, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700053
6.	Director (Botanical Survey of India)	Member (Official)	Botanical Survey of India, CGO Complex, 3 rd MSO Building, Block F (5 th and 6 th Floor), DF Block, Sector I, Salt lake city, Kolkata- 700064
7.	Director, Wildlife Institute of India	Member (Official)	Wildlife Institute of India, Department of Wildlife Sciences, Chandrabani, Mehu Wala Mafi, Dehradun

			Uttarakhand- 248007
8.	Prof. Govinda Swami Umapathy, Senior Principal Scientist, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research–Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CSIR–CCMB), Hyderabad	Member (Expert Wildlife) (Official)	Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology Habsiguda, Uppal Road Hyderabad- 500 007 Telangana
9.	Dr. Ritesh Kumar, Conservation Programme Manager and Director-in-Charge, Wetlands International-South Asia	Member (Expert Ecology) (Non-official)	Wetlands International-South Asia, A-25, 2 nd Floor, Defense Colony, New Delhi- 110024
10.	Joint Director/Scientist 'C' dealing with the subject	Member Secretary	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi

2. The Steering Committee shall, inter alia, assess the following:

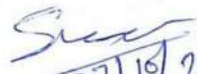
- Expected and other physical outcomes of the project vis-à-vis overall objectives of the projects.
- Component-wise analysis of the costing of the project
- Physical outputs and environmental benefits
- Applicability of the project
- Techno-commercial feasibility of the project
- Standardization of the design parameters for technology and preparation of protocols/prototypes for achieving reliable and replicable processes
- Modalities for replication of the outcomes

3. Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Steering Committee shall be:

- a. To provide overall direction to research endeavours of the Ministry in the broad area of ecology and environment.
- b. To identify thrust areas of research, approval and sanction of research projects recommended by TFAC.
- c. To suggest concrete multidisciplinary research programme in the areas of ecology and environment for implementation by TFAC.
- d. To ensure synergies and linkages between the researches sponsored by the MoEF&CC with those sponsored by the subordinate and autonomous organizations of the Ministry as well as other concerned Government Departments to extent possible.
- e. To provide ways and means for scaling up of important and significant leads generated under different research programmes of the Ministry for wider replication.
- f. To resolve disputes, if any, arising out of joint venture projects with public/private sector participation especially those relating to copyright, IPR royalty etc.
- g. To provide modalities for implementations of public/private partnership research project.
- h. To consider all proposals for research project for final approval and financial sanction based on the recommendations of the TFAC.

- i. To consider any such other matter relating to R&D Scheme as may deem fit for promotion of research in the area of Environment and Ecology.
 - j. Payment of TA/DA to non-official/co-opted members for attending meeting of the Committee approved by the Ministry from the budget of MoEF&CC as per rules.
 - k. Payment of sitting fee of Rs.4000/- per sitting per day with a ceiling of 10 days in a month for attending the aforesaid meeting by non-official members will be as per instructions issued by DoE on the subject. It is further clarified that the payment of Sitting Fee to salaried persons employed in Central Universities/UGC/Central Institutes/Institutions and autonomous bodies wholly or substantially funded by the Central Government should not be allowed.
 - l. TA/DA to non-official members will be regulated as per SR. 190.
 - m. Entitlement may be restricted to actuals.
 - n. Non-Official members will be entitled to travel by Air in the Economy class by shortest route subject to production of boarding pass for actual use of the facility.
 - o. Relaxation for Air journey, if any, will be as per instruction issued in the Ministry.
 - p. Air Tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines website/booking counters/office or authorized travel agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC.
 - q. No duplication in payment and Payment be made through e-transfer only.
 - r. Declaration of 'No conflict of interest certificate' shall be obtained in respect of Non-Official members for adoption in the Committee for ensuring accountability.
4. The tenure of the Steering Committee will be for a period of two (02) years which may be subsequently extended until re-constitution by the Ministry.
5. This issues with the approval of competent authority and with the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy. No. 138189/SS&FA dated 06.10.2021.

Your faithfully


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2. PS to Minister, EF&CC,
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6. PPS to SS&FA, MoEF&CC,
7. All JSs/IGF/Advisers,
8. Pay & Accounts Officer, MoEF/IFD,