

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR  
NOTIFICATION**

**Dated Dispur, the 17<sup>th</sup> August,2023**

**No.ECF 243861/479:** In partial modification of earlier Govt. Notification issued vide No.ECF.243861/478 dated 08.08.2023 and in cancellation of earlier Govt. Notification issued vide No. ECF-243861/399 dtd. 11.11.2022 and consequent upon expiry of the terms of the “Assam State Biodiversity Board” on June 27<sup>th</sup>,2023 as constituted vide No. FRW.57/2005/Vol-I/28 dtd. 28.06.2017 and in exercise of powers conferred under subsection (1) of Section -22 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Act 18 of 2003), the Governor is pleased to extend the term of the Board for another 3 (three) Years w.e.f. 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 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 State Biodiversity Board shall consist of the following members:-

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| 1. Addl. Chief Secretary,<br>Environment and Forest Department,                                           | - Chairperson.      |
| 2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity),<br>O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam                   | -Member Secretary   |
| 3. Principal Secretary,<br>Panchayat & Rural Development Department                                       | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 4. Commissioner & Secretary,<br>Environment and Forest Department,                                        | - Ex-officio Member |
| 5. Commissioner & Secretary,<br>Agriculture Department.                                                   | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 6. The Director, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam                                                   | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 7. The Director, Fisheries Department, Govt. of Assam                                                     | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 8. Dr. S.K. Borthakur, PhD.<br>Retd. Professor, Dept. of Botany,<br>Gauhati University                    | -Expert Member      |
| 9. Dr. Narayan Sharma, PhD.<br>Assistant Professor, Dept. of Env. Bio & WL Sciences,<br>Cotton University | -Expert Member      |
| 10. Dr. (Mrs.) Nilakshee Devi, PhD.<br>Professor , Deptt. of Botany, Gauhati University                   | -Expert Member      |
| 11. Dr. Chhandashree Bhuyan, PhD.<br>Associate Professor , Dept. of Zoology, Arya Vidyapeeth Collge       | -Expert Member      |
| 12. Dr. Prasanta Kumar Saikia, PhD<br>Professor, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University.               | -Expert Member      |

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

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

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**Term of Office:**

The Term of office of the Chairperson and members (other than ex-officio members) shall be 3 (three) years.

**Power, function and responsibilities:**

Without prejudice to the provision of the Biological Diversity Act,2002 (Act 18 of 2003) the Assam State 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 mandatory under section-15 of the “Assam Biodiversity Rules,2010” .

**Function of the Member Secretary:**

The Member Secretary of the Assam State Biodiversity Board shall perform such function as laid down and mandatory under section-11 of the “Assam Biodiversity Rules,2010”.

**Terms of Reference of the Assam State Bio-diversity Board:**

1. The Activities of the Assam State Biodiversity Board shall be essential and strictly governed by the provisions of the Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010.
2. The Assam State Biodiversity Board shall consult the National Bio-diversity Authority (NBA) and the Biodiversity Management Committees, as and when required, while taking decision relating to use of biological resources of the state and traditional knowledge associated with such resources.
3. The Assam State Biodiversity Board shall, in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under the Assam Bio-diversity Rules, 2010 be bound by such direction on question of policy as the state Government may give of it writing from time to time under sub-sections (1) of section -49 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2010. Provided that the Assam Biodiversity shall as far as practicable be given an opportunity to express its views before any direction is given under the said provision.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity) will function as the Member Secretary of the Assam State Biodiversity Board.
5. The Assam State Biodiversity 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 Biodiversity Fund. TA/DA of officials members would be borne by their respective parent Departments.

Sd/-

Ravi Shankar Prasad IAS  
Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Environment and Forest Department.

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Dated Dispur, the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

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1. The Principal Accountant General (A & E) Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati 29.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Assam, Basistha, Guwahati-29.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
5. The Director Agriculture Department, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.
6. The Director, Fisheries Department, Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-7.
7. Dr. S.K. Borthakur, PhD, Retd. Professor, Dept. of Botany, Gauhati University.
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11. Dr. Prasanta Kumar Saikia, PhD, Professor, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University.
12. The Secretary (Co-Ordination), O/o the Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati -6 .
13. The P.S.to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati – 6 .
14. The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forests, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6
15. The P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Environment & Forest Department, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
16. The P.S. to Commissioner & Secretary, Environment & Forest Department, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
17. The P.S. to Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur.
18. The P.S to Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
19. The PS to Commissioner & Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
20. The P.S. to Secretary, Environment & Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati – 6.
21. The Deputy Director ,Printing & Stationery, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21 for favour of publication of the above notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette.

By order etc.,

Officer-On-Special-Duty  
Environment & Forest Department