

EXCERPT OF 33rd BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17th DECEMBER 2016

32/13. Any other subject with permission from the Chair.

1. Amendment of Rule – 15 of Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005 on prior intimation for access to Biological resources for research.

The Board requested the Secretary (Ecology and Environment) to move the matter to Law Department for amendment /clarification of Rule – 15 of Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005, early.

Dr. Subashchandra pointed out that there is anxiety among Researches that, if they apply Form-I as per provisions of the Rules they may have to wait for approval which may take long time. The Chairman clarified that Form-I is for intimation and a researcher may go ahead with Research work, if nothing is intimated to them within two months of receipt of application in Karnataka Biodiversity Board. The insistence on Form-I from Researchers helps Karnataka Biodiversity Board in creating a data base on all the Researchers working on bioresources. This will help Karnataka Biodiversity Board or any other agency in identifying a Researcher/research work immediately when solution of a problem or some information is needed on a particular bio-resource. The ACS, FEE, expressed that the above decision should be made known to Researchers through the website of the Karnataka Biodiversity Board. This was agreed by the Board and Member Secretary was authorised to take up further action in the matter. ACS, FEE further stated that action should be taken to ensure that in future and as early as possible the receipt and response to 'Form-I' is done online. The Board agreed to the suggestions made by ACS, FEE and authorised Member Secretary, KBB, to take further needful action in this matter.

33/1 – Access and Benefit Sharing: Proceedings of the 3rd meeting of the ABS Expert Committee held on 29th September 2016.

Board agreed for amendment of Rule 15(3), to substitute the word 'may' instead of 'shall' in Rule. The amended version may read as follows: "The Board may, after consultation with the concerned local Biodiversity Management Committee and on collection of such additional information from the applicant and other resources, as it may deem necessary, dispose of the application, as far as possible, within a period of two months from the date of receipt".

33/2 - The amendment to the Karnataka Biological Diversity Rules, 2005

The Board requested Secretary (Ecology and Environment) to send Government clarification as requested by the Karnataka Biodiversity Board vide letter dated 30/11/2016.

33/ 3 – Technical review of Form-I submitted to the Board:

Deferred to the next Board Meeting.

**Sd/
Chairman
Karnataka Biodiversity Board**

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Member Secretary
Karnataka Biodiversity Board**