



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir Biodiversity Council.

Reference: U.O No. FST-GEN/338/2023-02 of the Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.

Government Order No.895-JK(GAD) of 2024

Dated:23.03.2024

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of Biodiversity Council in the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, with the following composition and terms of reference:

A)	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), J&K	Chairman
B)	Ex-Officio Members	
1	Director, Forest Research Institute, J&K	Member Secretary
2	Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K	Member
3	Representative of Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment (not below the rank of Additional Secretary)	Member
4	Representative of the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (not below the rank of Additional Secretary)	Member
5	Representative of Agriculture Production Department (not below the rank of Additional Secretary)	Member
C)	Non-Official Members	
1	Dr. C.M Seth, IFS (Retd) (Eminent Wildlife expert)	Member
2	Sh. Om Prakash Sharma, IFS (Retd.) (Eminent Biodiversity expert)	Member
3	Prof. Sajad Ahmad Gangoo, Dean Faculty of Forestry, SKAUST Kashmir (Eminent Forest Biodiversity expert)	Member
4	Dr. Anzar Ahmad Khuroo , Department of Botany, University of Kashmir (Eminent Bio-diversity expert)	Member
5	Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Department of Botany, University of Jammu, (Eminent expert in Mushroom Diversity)	Member

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The term of office of the non-official members of the Biodiversity Council shall be for a period of three years from the date of issuance of this order.

Terms of Reference(s):-

1. The Council shall function as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act 18 of 2003) and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004.
2. The Council shall constitute the "Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council Fund", after seeking prior concurrence of the Finance Department, and there shall be credited thereto all the fees, sums, charges and benefits-sharing amount.
3. The Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council Fund shall be utilized only for the purposes provided for in terms of Section 27(2) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
4. The Council shall perform such functions within the jurisdiction of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, as have been vested to the State Biodiversity Boards, under various provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
5. The Council shall, in consultation with the National Biodiversity Authority, notify the format and procedures for seeking approvals as required under Section 7 of the Act.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor.

Sd/-

(Sanjeev Verma) IAS

Commissioner/Secretary to the Government

Dated:23.03.2024

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(Shakeeb Arsallan) JKAS

Under Secretary to the Government