

Punjab Biodiversity Board

Minutes of the 5th meeting of Punjab Biodiversity Board held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab on 24.10.2011 at 9.30 AM at the residence of CM.

Present: List of attendees at **Annexure-I**.

The following agenda items were discussed and decisions taken:

Item No. 5.1: Confirmation of Minutes of 4th Meeting of Punjab Biodiversity Board held on 25/08/2010.

Confirmed.

Item No. 5.2: Follow up action on the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of Punjab Biodiversity Board held on 25/08/2010.

Noted.

Item No.5.3 Mega Event: Three day meeting of MoEF-Gol, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) & State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) in Punjab on "Implementing Biodiversity Act, 2002".

Noted. Board members were informed that NBA had provided Rs.17.36 lacs for the event.

Item No.5.4: Constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) and Technical Supporting Groups (TSGs).

Board members were informed that district level BMCs and TSGs have been constituted in all the 20 districts of the State and Rs.8.00 lacs received from NBA had been disbursed for meetings of BMCs, as well as, for providing training for preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers. Five trainings have been conducted in districts Hoshiarpur, Ropar, Amritsar, Fatehgarh Sahib and Sangrur. Work is being taken up in other districts.

Item No.5.5: Proposal on declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Site: Inami Baag.

Board members were informed that scientific studies at the site had been conducted with Fruit Research Station of PAU located at Gangian and physical site studies were carried out in collaboration with District Administration and Department of Horticulture. The need for conserving this important area was reiterated. The proposal was approved. The same will be pursued with the State Govt. (under Plan Scheme) and with NBA/MoEF-GOI for release of

funds. Additional activities for conservation of the gene pool could be taken up with PAU subsequently.

Item No.5.6: Proposal on Interstate Shivalik Biodiversity Conservation Corridor

Details of the proposal were discussed. It was suggested that the area could be considered for Biosphere Reserve subject to the condition that developmental activities are not hampered. Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata informed that no developmental activities were affected in Biosphere Reserves. However, VC-PAU expressed his reservations. It was decided that a meeting of Experts would be organized under the chairmanship of SSTE to look into the details and a decision would be taken accordingly.

Item No.5.7: Punjab State Biological Diversity Rules

The Board members were informed that draft Rules have been vetted by LR and would be put up to the Govt. for approval.

Item No.5.8: Conservation of Peafowl in Punjab

The Board members were informed that a proposal has been prepared with Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun for submission to Govt. of India for funding.

Item No.5.9: Project on Inventorising Industries involved in utilization of bioresources in Punjab.

Noted.

Item No.5.10: Participation of Member Secretary, Punjab Biodiversity Board in Conference of Parties-10 (Cop-10) at Nagoya, Japan.

Noted.

Item No.5.11: Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2009-10

Approved.

Table Item 1 : Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2010-11

Approved.

Table Item 2: Celebration of International Biodiversity Day, 2011.

Noted. Board members were informed that Govt. of India had sanctioned Rs.1.5 lac for the activity.

Table Item 3: List of threatened flora and fauna from Punjab.

Board members were informed that a list of 8 angiosperms, 3 pteridophytes, 6 mammals, 20 birds and 12 reptiles had been submitted to MoEF, GOI through State Govt. for further necessary action at their end. Ratified.

Table Item 4: Additional charge of Assistant Manager (Finance & Admn.) – Honorarium.

Members were informed that presently the PBB is serviced by Punjab State Council for Science & Technology. In the 4th meeting of PBB, it was agreed that Shri Rakesh Grover, Junior Accounts Executive of PSCST be given additional charge of Finance & Admn. in the Board with appropriate honorarium as per Punjab Civil Services' Rules. Shri Grover has requested honorarium @ 10% of basic pay. The request was approved subject to provision in the Punjab Civil Services' Rules.

Table Item 5: Restructuring of PBB staff.

Board members agreed that PBB needed to be strengthened by providing additional staff and regularizing existing staff. Hon'ble Chief Minister advised Secretary, Science Technology & Environment to look into the matter and put up the case to the State Govt. for enhancement of PBB budget appropriately under Non-Plan. Increasing the salary of Driver from Rs.5000/- + HRA to Rs.7,000/- + HRA per month was also approved.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Sub: List of attendees.

1. Shri S.C. Agrawal, IAS,
Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Punjab.
2. Shri A.R. Talwar, IAS,
Financial Commissioner, Development,
Govt. of Punjab.
3. Shri D.S. Guru, IAS,
Principal Secretary to CM,
Govt. of Punjab.
4. Shri D.S. Bains, IAS,
Financial Commissioner,
Department of Forests & Wildlife,
Govt. of Punjab.
5. Shri Viswajeet Khanna, IAS,
Secretary, Science, Technology & Environment,
Govt. of Punjab.
6. Dr. G.S. Kalkat,
Chairman, Punjab State Farmers Commission &
Ex. Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana.
7. Dr. B.S. Dhillon,
Vice Chancellor,
Punjab Agricultural University,
Ludhiana.
8. Dr. Paramjit Singh,
Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata.
9. Mr. H.S. Gujral,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
Govt. of Punjab.
10. Mr. Sukhjit Pal Singh, PCS,
OSD to CM, Punjab.
11. Mr. H.S. Sandha,
Director,
Department of Animal Husbandry,
Govt. of Punjab.
12. Dr. (Mrs.) Neelima Jerath,
Member Secretary, Punjab Biodiversity Board &
Executive Director, PSCST.
13. Dr. A.K Thukral,
Director Research,
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.
14. Dr. Anjana Pant,
Senior Coordinator,
WWF- India, New Delhi.