

MINUTES OF THE 6th MEETING OF THE GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB)

The 6th meeting of the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), was held on 14th June, 2005 at 3.30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of DSTE, Saligao-Goa, under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. Y. Karapurkar. The names of other Members and Special Invitee who participated in the meeting are listed in the Annexure.

The following GSBB Members sought leave of absence.

- 1. Dr. N.P.S Varde, Director/Jt. Secretary (STE).
- 2. Representative of the Department of Higher Education.
- 3. Representative of the Department of Agriculture.
- 4. Representative of the Department of Forests.
- 5. Representative of the Department of Fisheries.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants and initiated deliberations in accordance to the Agenda, which was circulated in advance amongst the Members who were present.

ITEM No. 1

The Members unanimously confirmed the Minutes of the last meeting after a brief discussion.

ITEM No. 2

The Chairman briefed the Members on the action initiated in this regard by the Special Invitee and himself.

- 1. The file which was put to the Government for approval, has been returned for some clarification. It is now proposed to split the same into three/four components so that it can be moved more vigorously rather than combing the same issues once again.
- 2. He alongwith the Member Convenor had met the Hon'ble Chief Minister to explain the role of the GSBB and the action taken till date.
- 3. The Logo has now been completely finalised and will be handed over to the Special Invitee for further necessary action.
- 4. The letter to the concerned authorities have already be sent but so far no replies have been received. It was decided to send a reminder to them.

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5. He further informed the Members that Shri. Kamat, Special Invitee/Scientific Officer who has been looking after the day to day activities of the GSBB since its inception has now been directed to repatriate to his parent Department of Agriculture. He added that Shri. Kamat would be requested to continue providing his services to the GSBB and that the Board would formally seek his services from the Department of Agriculture in due course of time. Further, a suitable honorarium would be provided to him for rendering his services to the Board since inception of the Board in December 2004.
6. He intimated to the Members that relevant data based information has to be collected by the Members and the expertise of existing Biotechnology companies in the State for the Board.
7. The framing of the Rules for the Board is still under progress and as soon as the same are ready a sub-committee of the Member along with the Chariman, Member Convenor and Special Invitee would finalise it before submitting it to the Government for its concurrence.

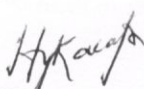
ITEM No. 3

1. Dr. Nandkumar Kamat, Member brought before the Board various issues which are today causing lot of anxiety among the public at large. The issues dealt were on bio-piracy, role of institutions in safeguarding its ecology, Panchayat domain, active NGO's participation and a wide publicity on various Biodiversity issues. All the Members were unanimously accepted that a publicity as well as a workshop should be taken up in near future so as to enlighten the masses about protection of our environment through poster competition, drawing, essay writing, photo exhibition etc.

ITEM No. 4

As there was no other issues to be dealt with it was decided to meet only after a gap of 3 months (preferably) so that various works that were short listed would be taken up one by one. It was decided that the date and place of the next meeting will be convened to the Members in due course of time.

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

Approved


CHAIRMAN
Goa State Biodiversity Board