Government of Jammu and Kashmir
General Administration Department
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

Subject: **Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.**

Government Order No.815-JK(GAD) of 2020 Dated:02.09.2020

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council, with the following composition;

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 Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (not below the rank of Additional Secretary).	Member
5.	Representative of Department Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare (not below the rank of Additional Secretary).	Member
C)	**Non-Official Members:-**	
1.	Dr. C. M Seth IFS (Retd.), Eminent Wildlife Expert.	Member
2.	Dr. Om Prakash Sharma, IFS (Retd.), Eminent Biodiversity Expert.	Member
3.	Professor Geeta Sumbli (Retd.), Mushroom Expert.	Member
4.	Dr. Anzar Khuroo (Botanist), Department of Botany, University of Kashmir.	Member
5.	Dr. Sushil Verma, Division of Biodiversity, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri.	Member

It is further ordered that:-

i) The term of office of the non-official members of the Bio-diversity Council shall be for a period of three years from the date of issue of the order;

ii) The office of the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council shall be at the place designated for the purpose by the Competent Authority;

The terms of reference of the Council shall be as under:-

i) The Council shall function as per the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act 18 of 2003) and the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004;

ii) The Council shall constitute a fund, after concurrence of the Finance Department, which shall be known as "Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council Fund" and all the fees, charges and benefit sharing amount received by the Council shall be credited to it. The amount so received in the Fund shall be used only for the purposes mentioned in section 27(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002;

iii) The Council shall perform the functions within the jurisdiction of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir;

iv) 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.

02.9.2020

(Rohit Sharma) KAS
Additional Secretary to the Government
Dated 02.09.2020

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