

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT  
AND FOREST DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR  
NOTIFICATION**

**Dated Dispur, the .....January,2025**

**No.ECF 243861/506:** In partial modification of earlier Govt. Notification issued vide No.ECF.243861/479 dated 17.08.2023 the Governor of Assam is pleased to amend the Assam State Biodiversity Board with the following members :-

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| 1. Chief Secretary, Assam   | - Chairperson.      |
| 2. PCCF (Biodiversity)/ APCCF (Biodiversity),<br>O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam                               | -Member Secretary   |
| 3. Senior most Secretary,<br>Environment and Forest Department  | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 4. Senior most Secretary,<br>Panchayat & Rural Development Department                                     | - Ex-officio Member |
| 5. Senior most Secretary,<br>Agriculture Department   | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 6. The Director of Agriculture, Assam   | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 7. The Director of Fisheries, Assam   | -Ex-officio Member  |
| 8. Dr. S.K. Borthakur, PhD.<br>Retd. Professor, Dept. of Botany,<br>Gauhati University                    | -Expert Member      |
| 9. Dr. Narayan Sharma, PhD.<br>Assistant Professor, Dept. of Env. Bio & WL Sciences,<br>Cotton University | -Expert Member      |
| 10. Dr. (Mrs.) Nilakshee Devi, PhD.<br>Professor, Deptt. of Botany, Gauhati University                    | -Expert Member      |
| 11. Dr. Chhandashree Bhuyan, PhD.<br>Associate Professor, Dept. of Arya Vidyapeeth Collge                 | -Expert Member      |
| 12. Dr. Prasanta Kumar Saikia, PhD<br>Professor, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University                | -Expert Member      |

The Governor of Assam is pleased to nominate the following officials as special invitees to the meeting in the Assam State Bio-diversity Board.

1. The Senior most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department.
2. The Senior most Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

**Term of Office:**

The Term of office of the Chairperson and members (other than ex-officio members) shall be 3 (three) years.

**Power, function and responsibilities:**

Without prejudice to the provision of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Act 18 of 2003) the Assam State Biodiversity Board shall exercise powers, perform function and discharge responsibilities as laid down and mandated under the "Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010".

**Powers and responsibilities of the Chairperson:**

The Chairperson shall exercise such powers and discharge such responsibilities as laid down and mandatory under section-15 of the "Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010"[-;/.

**Function of the Secretary:**

The Secretary of the Assam State Biodiversity Board shall perform such function as laid down and mandatory under section-11 of the "Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010".

**Terms of Reference of the Assam State Biodiversity Board:**

1. The Activities of the Assam State Biodiversity Board shall be essential and strictly governed by the provisions of the Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010.
2. The Assam State Biodiversity Board shall consult the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and the Biodiversity Management Committees, as and when required, while taking decision relating to use of biological resources of the state and traditional knowledge associated with such resources.
3. The Assam State Biodiversity Board shall, in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under the Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010 be bound by such direction on question of policy as the State Government may give it in writing from time to time under sub-sections (1) of section - 49 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2010. Provided that the Assam Biodiversity shall as far as practicable be given an opportunity to express its views before any direction is given under the said provision.
4. The PCCF(Biodiversity)/ APCCF(Biodiversity) will function as the Member Secretary of the Assam State Biodiversity Board.
5. The Assam State Biodiversity Board would meet from time to time as required.
6. TA/DA of non-official members would be born out of funds provided by the State Government for the purpose/State Biodiversity Fund. TA/DA of official members would be borne by their respective parent Departments.

Signed by

Kavitha Padmanabhan

Commissioner of Biodiversity, Assam  
Date: 21.01.2025 10:55:32  
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Environment and Forest Department



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1. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola,Guwahati-29.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF,Assam, Panjabari,Guwahati-37.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & CWLW,Assam, Panjabari,Guwahati-37.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Biodiversity)/Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Biodiversity) , O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.
5. The Director, Directorate of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara,Guwahati-22.
6. The Director, Directorate of Fisheries, Meen Bhawan,Gopinath Nagar, Guwahati-781016.
7. Dr. S. K. Borthakur, PhD, Retd. Professor, Dept. of Botany, Gauhati University.
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11. Dr. Prasanta Kumar Saikia, PhD, Professor, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University.
12. The Secretary (Co-Ordination), O/o the Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
13. The P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
14. The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forest Department, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6
15. The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary (Forest), Environment & Forest Department, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
16. The P.S. to Senior most Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06
17. The P.S to Senior most Secretary, Agriculture Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
18. The PS to Senior most Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
19. The PS to Senior most Secretary, Finance Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
20. The P.S. to Commissioner & Secretary, Environment & Forest Department, Assam, Dispur,Guwahati-6.
21. The P.S. to Secretary, Environment & Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
22. The Deputy Director, Printing & Stationery, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21 for favour of publication of the above notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette.

By order etc.,

**E-signed**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Environment & Forest Department