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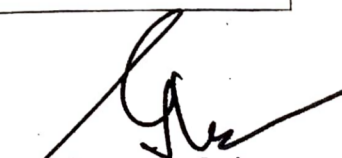
Sub: Forest Officers of various ranks in districts to function as Nodal Officers under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

In compliance of the provisions of Section 41(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Rule 22(6) & 23(9) of the Biological Diversity Rules 2010, Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) are constituted for the purpose of promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity including preservation of habitats, and prepare People's Biodiversity Registers for the area. People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs) are statutory technical documents that capture all the details of biological resources and associated knowledge available in the jurisdiction of the local body.

Forest department is the custodian of around 9 % of the total land of the state and these undisturbed areas under its jurisdiction are storehouses of biodiversity. Biodiversity Act 2002 recognizes this and empowers to the forest officials not below the rank of Forest Range Officers under Section 61(c) of the National Biodiversity Act 2002 to take cognizance of offences under the act.

Therefore, the forest officers of various ranks working in the field (as per the table below) are hereby designated as Nodal Officers for the purpose of Biodiversity Act 2002 and will contribute in biodiversity enumeration by the local bodies to develop a realistic and quality Peoples Biodiversity Register, which will help in conservation, sustainable utilization and development of the biological resource in the State.

S.No	Name of the official	Designation under National Biodiversity Act 2002	Role & Responsibility
1.	Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF)	Nodal Officer at the District level under the BD Act 2002	Overseeing the preparation of PBRs by ULBs / Zila Parishads and extending required technical support.
2.	Asst Conservator of Forests (ACF)	Additional Nodal Officer at the Sub-division level under the BD Act 2002	Overseeing the preparation of PBRs at the Sub division level by the various local bodies
3	Range Forest Officer (RFO)	Assistant Nodal Officer at the Panchayat Samiti level under the BD Act 2002	Overseeing and providing technical support to Panchayat Samitis in preparation of PBRs.
4.	Forester / Forest Guard in Panchayat jurisdiction	Nodal Officer at Gram Panchayat Level under the BD Act 2002	Extend technical support to Gram Panchayats in preparation of PBR.


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8. All District Collectors
9. All Deputy Conservators of Forests



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