

# **KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD EIGHTH BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

## **1. Reading and recording the proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 04/02/2008**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting proceedings was read. As there was no comment from the members, so the same was adopted.

## **2. Action taken on meeting proceedings held on 4/2/2008**

### **1. Reducing quorum for Karnataka Biodiversity Board Meeting.**

This subject of reducing the quorum submitted to Government is pending. The Government has been reminded vide this office letter No. dt 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

### **2. Position of pending Projects:**

**The position is as below:**

- a) The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) was contacted on the subject. The NBA Chairman informed that fund is not available. Further the Implementing agencies have not shown any inclination since two years which shows that they are not serious about the project.
- b) 1) That Executive Officer, Thatagunni Estate vide letter No:RDREB/ / 07-08 dt 19/2/2008 informed the Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB) that the case of Tathagunni Estate is pending before the Supreme Court of India, there is a stay order on all activities in Tathagunni Estate. Further as informed the Roerich and Devikarani Roerich Estate Board is having a programme for development of the State. In view of the above Karnataka Biodiversity Board need not take up any work.  
  
2) During his visit to Bangalore the Joint Secretary, Forest & Environment Government of India has informed that the project on Cholanayakanahally has been rejected.  
  
3) As regards RET Botanical garden at Hunsur, the Deputy Conservator of Forest is not interested to implement the same and hence no purpose will be served in pursuing the case.  
  
4) In respect of Urban Botanical Garden in Bangalore City the Government of India has been requested to expedite the approval.  
  
5) The project on Rapid Development of vulnerable tropical species of Bamboos in Karnataka has been rejected by Government of India.

6. As regards creating awareness Training Programme on Biodiversity related issues, the NBA has agreed to release Rs. 2.00 lakhs which is still awaited. The amount will be spent in giving training to Government servants of various departments.

### **3. Action against Sri. Gangadhar V. Maddikery:**

1) As resolved by the Board and as requested by the Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries Department vide letter No: ಪಸಂಮೀ 170 ಮೀಎಸಿ 2007 dated 22/12/2007 charges sheet has been prepared against Sri Gangadhar V. Maddikeri for various lapses and the same has been submitted to Government vide this office letter No:KBB/EST/02/2007-08/1600 dated 4/3/2008 for onward sending to department of Animal husbandry and fisheries.

2) It is informed that Dr. Sathyanarayan Bhat, Executive Officer (ISMH) on his transfer vide Government order No.ಅಕುಕ 282 ಪಿಟಿಡಿ 2007 ದಿ. 27/2/2008 was relieved from Karnataka Biodiversity Board. Subsequently on Dr. Sathyanarayan Bhat, managed to come back to Karnataka Biodiversity Board. Dr. Sathyanarayan Bhat has already completed 5 years in Karnataka Biodiversity Board which is a long period. Further he is not doing any work of Karnataka Biodiversity Board other than attending the workshop, seminars, which are not the mandate of Karnataka Biodiversity Board. Whatever works were given to him from time to time he has been avoiding. He has been given Job chart but he has been neglecting the same. This has already been brought to the notice of Government vide this office letter No: No:BB/EST/03/Dr.Bhat/07-08/27 dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008. It is therefore suggested that Dr Sathyanarayana Bhat, Executive Officer (ISMH) may be repatriated back to his department as his continuation is not serving any purpose of Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

### **4. Declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Site:**

- 1) Proposals have been called for from the Field Officers to submit the proposal by filling the format supplied with relevant information, maps, and photographs for the declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Sites. The same is under preparation by the field officers. Further action will be taken after the receipt of the same.
- 2) As resolved by Board Rs. 1.50 lakhs has been released on 15/03/2008 to University of Agriculture Science, Bangalore for conducting the following Research on Nallur Tamarind Groves.
  - Carbon dating to determine the age of the Trees.
  - Identify the elite trees and recommend them for multiplication through vegetable propagation.
  - Study morphological features and phenotypic changes.

Further, second installment of Rs.1.50 lakhs will be released during the year 2008-09.

3) Further there was lot of complaints from environmentalists and others that lot of illicit felling has been going on in Nallur Tamarind Groves. In order to provide protection, Rs.42,000/- was released to Conservator of Forests, Bangalore for engaging a watcher to provide protection. The revised proposal from the Conservator of Forest is awaited and the same will be placed on receipt.

### **3. Developmental works of Kuvempu Bio-park:**

As resolved by the Board the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shimoga and Conservator of Forest, Shimoga have been informed to complete the work at the earliest. The estimates and tenders have been sanctioned as and when submitted. The works are going on. This is for the information of the Board progress at **(Annexure-1)**

### **4. Levy of Cess on Pharmaceutical Products:**

1) The subject of levy of Cess was submitted to the Government vide NoKBB/MISC/44A/Cess/06-07/627 dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and is pending with the Government. The Government has been reminded vide letter NoKBB/MISC/44A/Cess/06-07/1556 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008.

2) As resolved by the Board a proposal to declare some officers as authorized officers to file court cases against the defaulting firms who are not declaring the sources of harvest of Bio-resources was submitted to the Govt.vide NoKBB/MTG/VII/07-08 dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 is pending with the Government.

3) The Executive Officer (ISMH) dealing with the subject has been instructed to address the suppliers and dealers of Bio-resources to know the places/villages from where the Bio-resources are being harvested and supplied to various firms. It is regretted to inform that the Executive Officer (ISMH) is silent on the issue. Therefore, it is proposed to initiate action against him under CCA rules. Further, it is informed that the Expert Committee on Medicinal Plants on 21/03/2005 recommended to prepare a directory of medicinal plants of Karnataka by classifying them under the following 7 categories.

1. Plants used in home remedies
2. Plants used in Ayurveda classified preparation.
3. Patented/Patentable potential candidates
4. Plants used in Herbal OTC products like cosmetics/food/ beverages.
5. Plants used in modern pharmaceuticals.
6. Plants used for extracts (domestic & international market).
7. Plants used for extraction of Oleo, resins, gums & dyes.

The Executive Officer (ISMH) was supposed to attend the same but he has not attended the same so far and is still silent on the issue. The Board may decide to repatriate him and initiate disciplinary action against him for his negligence and avoidance of duty in controlling the uncontrolled harvest of valuable Bio-resources. **(Annexure- 2.)**

## 5. Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs):

The documentation of Biodiversity Registers documentation works are under progress in many Grampanchayats in various districts by BMCs with the technical support of NGOs, DCFs, Universities, Colleges etc. In a review meeting of working of State Biodiversity Board and National Biodiversity authority in the country chaired by Secretary, Forest and Environment, Government of India held on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>/4/2008 at Ooty. The Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary and NBA reviewed the formation of Biodiversity Management Committees and Preparation of PBRs in various states. The opinion emerged in the meeting was

1. Biodiversity Management Committees should be formed as per the Act at the level of Zilla Panchayat immediately who will be negotiating in connection with harvesting of Bio-resources.
2. Biodiversity Management Committees should be formed at the level of Grampanchayats as per the act.
3. Few representative Grampanchayats covering various topographical variations and Biodiversity should be selected in each district and the PBR should be prepared for those Grampanchayats and the same should be compiled as district PBR. It is not advisable to prepare PBR for each Grampanchayat as it involves huge amount of money, manpower, Time and other resources. Further preparing the PBRs for each Grampanchayat will not serve useful purpose and also this is not necessary from the point of view that the Biodiversity does not significantly differ from one Grampanchayat to other Grampanchayat in most of the cases. This was also the opinion of the UNEP representative who was present in the meeting.
4. It was stressed that the Traditional knowledge should be documented and full details should not be declared in the People's Biodiversity Registers. The full details should be kept separately and confidentially with the Biodiversity Boards. Accordingly, the subject of PBRs has been reviewed and based on topography, diversities such as Western Ghat, Coastal region and Maidan areas, the Grampanchayats have been selected for PBR documentation, giving proper representation to each district and taluka. **(Annexure-3)**

a) Further, it is brought to the notice of the Board the Deputy Conservator of Forest are finding it difficult to document Biodiversity of outside the forest area due to multidisciplinary nature of the job and they need the assistance of some NGOs. Therefore it is necessary to attach one NGO to each Deputy Conservator of Forest to get the documentation work done early. This will be done in the discussion with the Deputy Conservators of Forests and Conservators of Forests.

b) In other districts which have not been selected so far for PBR exercises. The following NGOs who have expressed their willingness to document Biodiversity will be entrusted with the job. The NGOs have been selected based on their willingness and experience in resource documentation and management as per information received from various districts as below:

Sl No	Name of the District	Name of the Agency
1	Bagalkote	Bijapur Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS) Hungund "Atmasakshi" HRD Training Centre, Near Nagalinganagar, Hungund -587118
2	Belgaum	Bharat Janaseva Society, At. Sp, Manihal, District Belagum
3	Bijapur	Institute for Rural Development (IRD) Shahpet Galli Main Road, Bijapur – 586101.
4	Chikkaballapur	Pragathi Rural Development Society and Gerehalli, Chickballapur
5	Gulbarga	Sanjeevini Education Society, Brahmapur Gulbarga
6	Kolar	Social & Rural Development, Association Saraswathipuram, Manchenahalli – 561211, Gowribidanur.
7	Koppal	Sri. Swamy Ramananda Thirtha Grameenabhiruddi Sangha, Gangavati.
8	Ramanagar	Karnataka Unani Medical Association, Bangalore
9	Raichur	Samaparna Abhivruddi Samsthe, P.B.11, Gangavathi Road, Sindhanur – 584128.

c) In order to form Biodiversity Management Committees at Zilla Panchayat level. ZP meeting has to be called and the details of Biological Diversity Act and rules, Roles and responsibilities of BMCs and its importance has to be explained. therefore It is suggested that an amount of Rs. 2000/- per district may be allowed as miscellaneous expenditure for this purpose.

## 6. 2007-2008 Action Plan.

On this there is nothing to be discussed. Hence the subject is deleted.

## 7. Audited Accounts and Annual Reports for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 .

1) The Audited Account and Annual reports for 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 along with the Audit certificate from Accountant General and Annual report has been got printed and the same has been submitted to the Government vide letter No: KBB/Accts/32/AG/2007-08/22 dt15/4/2008 for placing before the legislature. **(Annexure – 4)**

2) The Accountant General has conducted the Audit for 2006-07 the Audited report has been received. The replies are prepared and the same is placed for consideration. After that the same will be submitted to Accountant General for further action. **(Anexure 5)**

3) The Accountant General audit has stated that the Karnataka Biodiversity Board should obtain Income Tax exemption certificate from Income Tax

department failing which it has to provide for payment of Income Tax. It is also required to file Income tax returns. The application is being filed with Income Tax Department.

## **8 : Appointment of Consultants for arranging Training:**

No action is needed.

## **9 : Declaration of Biodiversity Heritage Site:**

a) The proposals are awaited from the field officers and the same will be processed and placed before the board on receipt. The spots for Heritage Site have been identified. The proposal after receipt from Deputy Conservators Forests will be sent to the Government along with the opinion of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest. **(Annexure – 6)**

b) A proposal is received from Conservator of Forest, Sirsi proposing the following sites to be declared as Biodiversity Heritage Sites.

<b>SI No</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Name of the Village/Site</b>
1	Kyadgi	Hemgar
2	Kyadgi	Kedgund
3	Kyadgi	Hukli
4	Siddapur	Malemane
5	Kyadgi	Dodmane
6	Janmane	Devmane
7	Janmane	Unchalli
8	Janmane	Harigar

The detailed proposal is at **(Annexure-7)**, the proposal has been sent to Principal Chief Conservator of Forest for his opinion and the same will be submitted to the government after the receipt of the opinion of PCCF.

## **c) Declaration of Netrani Island as a Biodiversity Heritage Site:**

It is stated that lot of requests have come and proposals received from Institutions and General Public to declare Netrani Island as a Biodiversity Heritage Site. The Netrani Island contains Coral reef which is a unique eco system. Such eco systems are available in Lakshadweep, Gulf of Mannar and some areas in Gujrat coast. The Netrani Island is one such eco system about 20 Km from Murdeshwar Coas of Karnataka. The details along with Photographs, News paper cuttings etc. are at **(Annexure- 8)**. This is placed for board for consideration and the decision to recommend to Government for declaration as Heritage Site.

## **10: Providing TA to the driver:**

No action is required.

### **11: Providing Housing facilities to the Member Secretary KBB:**

This matter is pending with the Government and the reply is awaited.

### **12: Documentation of Biodiversity in Forest areas:**

The suggestion to document forest biodiversity other than trees, animals also such as herbs, shrubs, NWFPs and inventorise the same to know the availability and utilization trend. has been referred to The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests . (Annexure– 9).

### **13: Providing financial assistance to Mangalore University for conducting workshop on Biodiversity.**

As discussed in the Board, an amount of Rs. 20,000/ has been released to Chairman, Dept. of Applied Zoology, Mangalore University as a contribution for conducting National Workshop on Biodiversity Assessment at Mangalore University.

### **14: Providing suitable staff to Karnataka Biodiversity Board:**

1) As resolved by the Board the subject was addressed to the Government vide letter No:KBB/EST/11/03-04/2006-07/1552 dt 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 in this matter and it is pending in the Government. (Annexure– 10)

#### **2) Engaging the services of Chartered Accountant to finalize the account:**

Since the Accounts supervisor is not in a position to prepare and finalize the Accounts as per Audit requirement for 2007-08 for submission to Accountant General so the quotations are received as suggested from the Chartered Accountant. The rates given are as below:

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the Agency</b>	<b>Amount quoted</b>
<b>1</b>	G.R. Balaji, Chartered Accountant Balaji Nilaya, 1st Cross, Ashoka Nagar Tumkur – 572103	30,000/-
<b>2</b>	T.N.Raghavendra Chartered Accountant Sri. Nilaya, Masjid Road, K.R. Extn.Tumkur	25,000/-
<b>3</b>	V. Mahendra & Associate Chartered Accountants 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Behind Maruthi Plaza, 4 <sup>th</sup> Cross, M.G.Road, Tumkur	32,000/-
<b>4</b>	Umapathi Desai & Co. Chartered Accountant, No.1719/28, Sri. Balaji Complex, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Main Road, Prakash Road, Bangalore	24,000/-

<b>5</b>	Sri. V.R.Murali & Company, No.217, 1st Floor, 13 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Sampige Road, Mallechwaram, Bangalore - 03	50,000/-
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One Sri Umapathi Desai & Company, Chartered Accountant, No.1719/28, Sri. Balaji Complex, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Main Road, Prakash Road, Bangalore has quoted the lowest rate of Rs 24000/-. The works involved are.

1. Finalization of Annual Account
2. Receipt and Payment Accounts
3. Income and Expenditure statement
4. Balance Sheet (Including schedules)
5. Filing of returns, Income Tax and TDS.
6. Reply to audit observations.

The board may consider the same.

### **15: Budget provision for 2008-09:**

Nothing is to be discussed in this.

### **16: Any other subjects with the permission of the chair**

#### **1) Publication of News letter from Karnataka Biodiversity Board:**

Action is being taken to collect the information from other Biodiversity boards on the subject and further action will be taken accordingly.

#### **2) Publishing the proceeding of National Seminar.**

The National Biodiversity Authority has been requested to release fund for publishing the proceeding on National Seminar. National Biodiversity Authority has informed that funds are not available and informed that this should have been completed within the amount released for the Seminar. Out of 41 full length paper received 24 papers have been short-listed for publication in the proceeding. This will cost approx. Rs.40,000 /-. It is suggested to to publish the same to close the issue and also this will bring credit to Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

## **New subject**

### **1. Outsourcing of Biodiversity Documentation works:**

It is proposed to outsource the following documentation works to specialized agencies to get qualitative documentation on priority.

<b>SI No</b>	<b>Name of the works</b>	<b>To be entrusted to</b>
1	Availability of Medicinal Plants and Utilization pattern by Pharmaceutical companies and aromatic plants by perfumery industries.	FRLHT



2	Preparation of district-wise directory on Traditional local knowledge relating to bio-resources including Medicinal practices.	FRLHT
3	Documentation of district-wise Horticulture biodiversity of Karnataka.	Selection among University of Agriculture Sciences, Bangalore and Dharwad
4	Documentation of district-wise Fresh water fish biodiversity of Karnataka.	Selection among 1. Dr. Y. Basavaraju, Dean College of Fisheries, KVAFSU, Post Box No. 527 Mangalore- 575002  2. Dr. Kondareddy, Acquareach Foundation No.60, 12 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Ganganagar, Bangalore-24.  3. Dr. H. Chandrashekaraiah, Society for advancement of Acquaculture, No.3, Pampmaha kavi Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore -18

## 2. Allowing pre paid Auto rickshaw charges on tour:

It is informed the officers are claiming the auto charges exorbitantly, without details of K.M as required under TA rules. It is therefore suggested that actual auto charges may be allowed on production of pre paid receipt issued by auto rickshaw association.

## 3. Action Plan for 2008-09:

The action plan for 2008-09 is prepaid and the same is placed for consideration and approval.

## 4. Release of People's Biodiversity Registers and other Reports of Karnataka Biodiversity Board:

1) A function on Release of People's Biodiversity Registers and other Reports of Karnataka Biodiversity Board was organized on 25/4/2008 as per the date suggested by the advisor to His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and the following Biodiversity documentation reports were released.

### a) People's Biodiversity Registers Reports

	District	Taluk	Grampanchayat
1	Udupi	Karkala	Marne
2	Uttara Kannada	Nandigadde	Joida
3	Haveri	Hirekerur	Arlikatte

4		Byadagi	Budapanahalli
5		Ranebennur	Hanumapur
6	Bellary	Hospet	Hampi
7		Sandur	Susheelnagar
8		Kudligi	Gudekote

## b) Documentation of Biodiversity of Coastal Karnataka

- 1 Survey report on Coastal Biodiversity
- 2 Report on Netrani Island

The programme was attended by Principal Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Secretary, (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Prof. Madhav Gadgil in addition to other dignitaries.

These reports are being put on the website and the same will be sent to various libraries, department and University, Colleges, National Biodiversity Authority, Zilla Panchayat, taluka libraries Biodiversity Management Committees for references and records.

2) Prof. Madhav Gadgil has not accepted the Air fair and Taxi charges. He requested to give honorarium. Accordingly Rs. 3,000/- has been given in consultation with the Secretary, (Ecology and Environment) the same may be ratified. A sanction of Rs. 1.20 lakhs was accorded by the Government for this programme. An amount of Rs.1,20,676/- has been spent.

## 5. Documentation of Coastal Biodiversity:

The KUIDFC sponsored project was implemented for documentation of Coastal Biodiversity. In this project EMPRI, CMFRI, ISRO, INCERT and ASIMA PRATHISTANA were involved. Funds were released by KUIDFC same were released to various agencies as below:

SI No	Name of the implementing Agency	Amount released
1	EMPRI	24.30
2	CMFRI	18.88
3	INCERT	1.00
4	ASIMHA PRATHISTANA	0.43
5	Karnataka Biodiversity Board	12.48
6	ISRO	8.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65.10</b>

The KUIDFC vide its letter No:KUIDFC/ENG/KUDCEMP/05-06/1228 dt 25/7/2005 had informed to submit the documents

1. Utilization certificate duly countersigned by Chartered Accountant.
2. Statement giving the voucher-wise expenditure details.

This was not informed to implementing agencies by the concerned Executive Officer, Karnataka Biodiversity Board.

ISRO and CMRI have not submitted the Utilization Certificate and statement of Account duly counter signed by Chartered Accountant. The ISRO has informed that

- 1) The ISRO is a Central Government organization. The Chartered accountant does not audit their account. Hence Certificate from Chartered accountant cannot be given.
- 2) As the vouchers form part of various transactions copies of the vouchers cannot be given.
- 3) Payment received is not a grant-in-aid. Hence the question of production of voucher does not arise.

The CMFRI has also informed that vide its letter No. dated 24/1/2007 that as per the guidelines in CMFRI, it is the host institutions prerogative to utilize the consultancy fee in a manner suitable for conducting the work. The application of fund is strictly as per Government of India rules and procedure. The vouchers and bills are in the custody of bills and audit section and will not be available to any agencies including clients.

The EMPRI has charged 10.03 lacs as Institution charges as against admissible amount of Rs. 5.212 as the project cost. The account is held up. Further an amount of Rs. 3.4 lakhs is to be released to CMFRI and Rs 2.00 lakhs is to be released to ISRO. The correspondence is going with the above agencies to set right the accounts and comply with the direction given by the KUIDFC. The agencies are not taking interest in this direction. Further no fund can be released unless accounting procedure is complied. There is no fund available under the project with Karnataka Biodiversity Board. The KUIDFC is not willing to release further funds till the account is settled. This is brought to the notice of the board.

The works have been completed and the report on Coastal Biodiversity has already been released.

## **6 . Conducting of Workshops :**

It is proposed to conduct following workshops during the year 2008-09.

1. Availability , harvesting and utilization trend in NWFP,
2. Local Traditional Knowledge and medical practices.
3. Heritage sites and their management.

Karnataka Biodiversity Board may be given additional fund. The above activities will be taken up depending upon the availability of the budget.

## **7. Providing Vehicle facilities for attending the office and going back to home.**

It is brought to the notice of the board that previously all the Executive Officers were given pooled vehicles for coming to office and back to their home. Two vehicles, One Karnataka Biodiversity Board and one hired vehicle were allotted to the Three Executive Officers and Administrative Officer to share the vehicle without any complaint.

The officers were fighting among themselves and depriving each other of the vehicle facilities. Each officer was in a hurry to take the vehicle and go without thinking about the other officer. Whichever officer gets the vehicle he will go to different offices and this way creates the problem for other officer. There was competition going on to take the vehicle and run away from Karnataka Biodiversity Board to other offices without any purposes. This created the heart burn among the officers and each officer started fighting among themselves and complaining to the Member Secretary. It became a routine affair. The Member Secretary instead of attending the office work had to listen to complaints at the cost of office works. It became unbearable so out of frustration the Members Secretary referred the matter to the Government. The Govt. vide letter No.ಅಪಜೀ/107ಇಎನ್‌ವಿ 07 dated: 1/7/2007 informed to take action as per G.O No: ಸಿ ಅಸು ಎ 87/ ಶಿವಾನಿ/2000 dated 29/8/2008 (**Annexure -11**)

Accordingly the action was taken as suggested by the Government. One vehicle which was hired without following the office procedure was returned as directed by the Board. Now one vehicle is available for use by the Executive Officers and Administrative Officer. Whenever the officers want to go a different office they are given vehicle as per requests. But the officers are not satisfied, they want separate vehicles and they want to use the vehicle for all the purposes including going to their home and coming to office. As per the above government order the use of vehicle for going to house and office by the Executive Officers is not authorized. It is further informed that the nature of the job of Executive officer is such that giving vehicles for the exclusive use is not warranted. The liaison work is done by Member Secretary only.

The Executive officers do not have to go to different offices everyday instead they are suppose to sit in Karnataka Biodiversity Board and attend the works as per Job Chart. The matter is brought to the notice of board for consideration and give a decision.

## **8. Purchase of equipments for Karnataka Biodiversity Board:**

The following equipments have been purchased during 2007-08 to strengthen the facilities in Karnataka Biodiversity Board for the purpose of training and dissemination of Biodiversity Awareness.

SI No	Name of the Equipment	Amount
1	LCD Projector	57,800/-
2	Digital Camera	18,500/-
3	Over Head projector.	7,875/-

It is propose to purchase the following during the year.

1. Laptop for use by the Member Secretary
2. One Typewriter- due to failure of electricity from time to time the work suffers hence one manual type-writer is necessary.

## 9. Revision of salary of staff from Manpower Agency:

As per Government order the supporting staff is taken from Sri, Sagar Man Power Agency, Bangalore. The agency has requested that the prices have gone up and salary of Government officials have also gone up, so the salary of the staff provided by the Manpower agency should be increased. Accordingly after negotiation the proposal is placed as below:

SI No	Category	Equivalent to	Scale in the Government	Consolidated amount	Present payment	Proposed payment
1	Administrative Officer	Asst. Conservator of Forests	14,050-25,050	16,508	15,000	16,000
2	Accounts Supervisor	Superintendent	10,000-18,150	11,750	9,500	10,000
3	Executive Assistant	FDA	7,275-13,350	8,548	7,400	8,500
5	Data Entry Operator	SDA	5,800-10,500	6,815	6,000	6,300
6	Driver	Driver	5,800-10,500	6,815	5,800	6,200
7	Dalayt	Dalayt	4,800-7275	5,640	5,000	5,300

Further it is stated that due to inexperience of Account supervisor in preparing and finalizing the Accounts the services of one KFDC employee who had taken VRS has been taken through Man power agency and he is being paid Rs. 9,000/- but he is demanding Rs. 10,000/- the board is requested to consider the same.

## 10. Accounts for the year 2007-2008.

The accounts for 2007-08 have been prepared and the same is placed for approval. **(Annexure-12)** After the approval, same will be sent to AG for further action. Further it is advised by the Accountant General that in order to avoid the delay in submission of accounts to AG the Member Secretary may be authorized for all years to submit the Account to Accountant General as soon as it is prepared and place the same before the board for ratification.

## **11. Proposal to charge Biodiversity Fee:**

It is informed that lot of tourists visits the sanctuaries and National Parks and enjoy the beauty of nature and its biodiversity. The trend is on the increase. It is suggested to levy biodiversity fee on the tourists. The amount will be collected by the Forest Department which can retain 50% of the amount for conservation and development of Biodiversity. The 50% amount should be provided to Karnataka Biodiversity Board for sponsoring Research and studies on various issues related to Biodiversity.

## **12. Internal Control Mechanism:**

The Accountant General audit while auditing the Account of Karnataka Biodiversity Board suggested that an Internal Control mechanism should be established in KBB to avoid frauds and errors. The subject is placed before the board to consider the same and make suitable recommendation to Government.

## **13. Content Updation of Karnataka Biodiversity Board Website.**

The website of KBB has to be updated. The work is entrusted to Sri. Koushik, Web-designer since two years they are doing this job. Now they have given quotation for Rs..... for the year 2008-09. **(Annexure-13)**

**Additional Principal Chief Conservator  
of Forest & Member Secretary**

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## **Additional Agenda - No-4**

In continuation of Item No. 5 (4) in addition to the NGOs listed following two NGOs should also be considered.

1. Chetana Rural Development Trust ®  
Sri. Balaji Building H.N. 1, Ist Floor,  
APMC Road, Ist Cross, Neharu Nagar  
Manoli, Saudatti taluk, Belgaum District
2. Navodaya Educational And Environment  
Development Service  
M.A.building, Behind Sangam Talkies  
Ranebennur – 581115.

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## **Additional Agenda - No-5**

The staff which is on deputation from Manpower Agency working in the Karnataka Biodiversity Board has submitted representations with a request for the payment of monthly salary directly from the Board instead of making payment through the Manpower Agency after deduction of 7.1% as Agency service charges. The proposal is put up for necessary consideration and decision.

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## **Additional Agenda - No-6**

The Principal, Dhanvantari Ayurveda College & Hospital, Siddapur has submitted the proposal for conducting two days workshop on “Nati Vaidyara Sammelana (Traditional Practitioners Meet) on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at Siddapur. The estimated cost of workshop is Rs.2.5 lakhs. In this connection, he has requested some financial assistance from Karnataka Biodiversity Board. The Board may consider the release of Rs. 10,000/- ( Rs. Ten thousand only).

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