

KARNATAKA BIODIVERSITY BOARD

13th BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date : 18/02/2010 - Time : 10.30 AM

Venue: Chamber of Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Ecology,
Room No.141, 1st Floor, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.

1. **Reading and recording the proceeding of 12th Board Meeting** – The proceedings of the 12th Board Meeting held on 8/9/2009 was communicated to all the members. Since no comments were received from the members, the proceeding may be adopted.
2. Action taken on 12th Board Meeting proceeding.

Sl. No.	Subject	Action taken
8/4	Biodiversity Heritage Site (Nallur Tamarind Grove)	The barbed wire fencing work is over. No action is required.
8/6/1	The levy of Cess on Pharmaceutical Products	The Government vide letter dated 23/9/2009 has informed to utilize the available resources for collection of cess on the use of Biodiversity. (Annexure-1)
8/6/2	Declaration of Authorized Officers	No action is required
8/11	Providing suitable staff to Karnataka Biodiversity Board	The Agriculture Department has posted one Sri. H.S.Devaraj as Deputy Director Agriculture.
8/12	Publication of News letter	The News letters are being published regularly. The same are placed at (Annexure -2)
8/14	Documentation of Coastal Biodiversity	The matter is pending with KUIDFC. They are verifying the accounts. After verification, action will be taken on this subject.
8/15	Conducting of Workshop on Coastal Biodiversity	No action is required.
8/18	Internal Audit and Control Mechanism	No action is required.
8/20	Institution of Biodiversity Award	No action is required
8/22/1	Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees /Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers	As per Government Notification the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) have been instructed to guide the formation of Biodiversity Management Committees and Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers. (Annexure -3)
9/1	Survey of Bio industries utilizing Bio-resources	The survey of Bio-industries utilizing bio resources sponsored by National Biodiversity Authority is in progress.

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10/1	Establishment of Dry Zone Biodiversity Conservation Site networks	The sites have been identified and the conservation works is in progress. The inventory and documentation work on Biodiversity in Dry zone are going on under the supervision and guidance of Center for Sustainable Development. The list of areas identified with the consent of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is placed at (Annexure-4)
11/6	Annual accounts for 2008-09	The account for the period 2008-09 was audited by the Accountant General, Karnataka. The report was received, the comments were furnished and finally audited accounts for 2008-09 with Annual Report as per Biological Diversity Rules 2005 was printed and the same has been submitted to the Legislature. (Annexure-5)
11/7	IPR permission	No action is required.
11/8	Audit observation	<p>In this respect it is informed that while conducting Audit for the account of Karnataka Biodiversity Board for the period 2006-07 the Accountant General had raised observation as below</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reimbursement of Leave salary from parent Department. 2. Excess Traveling allowance claimed and admitted. <p>The para on non-reimbursement of Leave salary encashment was dropped after convincing reply was furnished to the Accountant General. The para on excess Traveling Allowance is still continuing. An excess amount of Rs. 24,267/- was admitted and paid to Dr.Sathyanarayana Bhat, the then Executive Officer, Indian System of Medicines. The TA bill was not scrutinized the amount was paid as claimed. The para was communicated to the Executive Officer and his department as he has already been repatriated to his parent department. No reply was received. The amount of Rs. 24,267/- excess paid to him needs to be recovered. There is no response from ISM Department. But Dr. Sathyanarayana Bhat, has been indulging in writing unnecessary letters and questioning the authority of Member Secretary and making allegation from time to time.</p>

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		Recently he has addressed a letter dated 27/1/2010 (Annexure-6) . In this letter he has stated that he has claimed the actual amount spent by him where as the actual amount claimed by him is more than his eligibility which resulted in Accountant General observation. The matter is placed before the Board for decision.
11/11	Celebration of Biodiversity Day	No action is required.
11/13	Conducting of Workshops in 2009-10	The workshop on Heritage Site/Heritage Trees was planned. The Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority had requested to change the date 2 times because of his pre-occupation with other works. The workshop could not be conducted. The same is being rescheduled.
12/1	Research project on Nallur Tamarind Heritage Site	The University of Agricultural Sciences has submitted Research Report on Nallur Tamarind Grove. Now the University has asked Rs. 60,000 for identification of Elite trees through phenological studies for the purpose of multiplication of good plant. Board may permit the same to complete the Research Work. (Annexure-7)
12/2	Project on Rice genetic resources of Central Western Ghats	The project proposed on Rice Genetic Resource of Central Western Ghats proposed by Dr.G.S.Mohan, Junior Breeder (Rice), Agriculture Research Station, Ponnampet, Kodagu, was submitted to National Biodiversity Authority. The response of National Biodiversity is awaited.
12/3	Project proposal for Establishing of Center for Studies and Research on Bio-diversity and Conservation of Western Ghat of Karnataka in Pilikula.	<p>On the above subject a Power Point presentation was made by Pilikula Nisarga Dhama Society ®, Mangalore before the Board in the Chamber of Principal Secretary. In this respect, it is stated that the society had submitted a project proposal on Establishment of Center for studies and research on Biodiversity and Conservation of Western Ghat of Karnataka in Pilikula</p> <p>The project objectives are :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity studies, establishment of a Herbarium and plant museum of Western Ghat plants. Establishment of a Germ Plasm collection center and a tissue culture laboratory for collection, conservation, storage and propagation of endemic, rare and threatened plants. Selection, propagation and establishment of a garden of wild relatives of cultivated plants.

- d. Selection, propagation, multiplication of plants of Western Ghats, which are ornamental value, and establishment of a garden.
- e. Selection, propagation, popularization of fruit yielding and dye yielding plants and establishment of orchards of fruit yielding and dye yielding plants.
- f. Selection, propagation and popularization of bee forage plants.
- g. Establishment of an herbal garden of rare and threatened plants of medicinal value.
- h. Environmental awareness programs in such as workshops, seminars, lectures, conferences for the benefit of children, youth, farmers and general public.
- i. In-situ conservation of selected sacred groves/Devarakadu/Nagabanas etc.

The amount proposed was as below

Year	Recurring	Non-recurring	Total
1 st year	90.72	125.00	215.72
2 nd year	98.72	45.00	143.72
3 rd year	111.72	30.00	141.72
4 th year	136.72	-	136.72
5 th year	136.72	-	136.72
Total	574.60	200.00	774.60

The amount cannot be provided from the budget of Karnataka Biodiversity Board. However the Board Members agreed to provide reasonable fund for the two activities

1. Establishment of Herbarium & Botanical museum.
2. Conservation of Sacred groves.

In the original proposal the amount asked for these activities was as below:

SI No	Expenditure heads	Years (Rs. in lakhs)											
		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		Total	
		R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
1.	Establishment of Herbarium & Botanical museum	-	30	-	30	-	30	25	-	25	-	50	90
2	Conservation of Sacred groves	-	5	-	5	8	-	8	-	8	-	24	10
	Total	-	35	-	35	8	30	33	-	33	-	74	100

The Karnataka Biodiversity Board can provide the amount for these activities out of its own allocation as below :

SI No	Expenditure heads	Years (Rs. in lakhs)											
		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		Total	
		R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR	R	NR
1.	Establishment of Herbarium & Botanical museum	-	2	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	22
2	Conservation of Sacred groves	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	5	-	25
	Total	-	!D27	-	!F27	-	!H27	-	!J27	-	!L27	-	!N27

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The budget allocated to Karnataka Biodiversity Board is not much. After the Board decision the Pilukula Nisarga Dhama Society was asked to submit a revised proposal asking for reasonable funding for the above 2 components from Karnataka Biodiversity Board. The Society has submitted the revised proposal the details are as below.

Year	Herbarium and Botanical Museum	Conservation of sacred groves	Establishment cost	Total
2009-10	10.00	2.00	6.40	18.40
2010-11	30.00	5.00	19.20	54.20
2011-12	30.00	8.00	19.20	57.20
2012-13	25.00	8.00	19.20	52.20
2013-14	25.00	8.00	19.20	52.20
Total	!B35 Is Not In Table.00	!C35 Is Not In Table.00	!D35 Is Not In Table0	234.20

In this respect it is stated that the Karnataka Biodiversity Board cannot provide fund as requested. The balance amount for these 2 activities and all other activities which amounts to Rs. 727 lakhs needs to be provided from other scheme of state budget. The Board is requested to consider the above and decide. **(Annexure-8).**

12/4	Financial Assistance regarding publication of Books	As decided by the Board the letter was addressed to Smt.Shanti Nayak, Janapada Vishwa Pratistana @, Honnavar. There is no response to our letter. Further action will be taken after receipt of the response. (Annexure-9).
12/5	Declaring the Cycas as threatened species	The proposal has been submitted to the Government to recommend to Central Government for declaring the species as Threatened species. (Annexure-10)
12/6	Financial assistance for celebration of Darwin's Day	No action is required
12/7	Financial Assistance for Biodiversity programme	No action is required
12/8	Financial Assistance for conducting State Level Seminar of Nati vaidyas	No action is required
12/9	Destruction of Soil Samples	No action is required
12/10	Creation of Biodiversity Park in Gundia Valley	A Hydro Electric project proposal was prepared by KPTCL. The Managing Director, KPTCL informed that the Government of India agreed to clear the project and the Managing Director proposed to establish a Bio-Park as a

		<p>compensatory measure. In the meeting chaired by Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment it was desired that the Karnataka Biodiversity Board will prepare a proposal for Establishment of a Bio park.</p> <p>The Karnataka Medicinal Plant will prepare a proposal for establishment of Medicinal Garden. The Wild Life Wing of the Department will guide the local officers to establish the Butterfly park, Snake park and Amphibian park. The Implementation will be done by the local forest officers under the supervision of Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Karnataka Forest Department (Wild Life Wing) and Karnataka Medicinal Plant. The amount proposed is Rs. 400.00 lakhs.</p> <p>It is informed that a meeting was conducted on 17/9/2009 by the Principal Secretary, Dept. Forest, Ecology and Environment. In the meeting the Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle was instructed to collect the following details.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exact extent of land available 2. Present land use details 3. Status of Gomal land, 4. Whether any encroachments have taken place 5. Number of cattles in the village etc. 6. Application of Form 50 & 5 A etc. <p>Accordingly the Conservator of Forests, Hassan Circle has collected the same pertaining to Heggde village in Sakaleshpur taluk and the same is received from KPCL. This is brought to the notice of the Board. (Annexure-11)</p>
12/11	Declaration of Aanekere as Heritage site	No action is required.
12/12	Preparation of Biodiversity Atlas	Proposal has been submitted to Government to issue an order permitting to entrust the preparation of Biodiversity Atlas to Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology & Environment, Bangalore. The proceeding on Power point presentation is placed at (Annexure-12)
12/13	Declaration of Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra, GKVK, as Heritage site	In this respect it is informed that a preliminary Notification is issued by the Government. The same is placed at (Annexure-13)
12/14	Integrated study of Carrying capacity of Western Ghats (Uttara Kannada district)	In this respect the proposal has been submitted to the Government to issue the order. Permitting to entrust the study to the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 40 lakhs for 2 year duration.

		(Annexure-14)
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12/15	Preparation of Account manual	The Accountant General, Karnataka was requested to nominate one person to prepare an Account Manual for Karnataka Biodiversity Board. The Accountant General has informed that there is no provision for providing services of Audit staff to prepare he accounts manual of other institution. Hence it is proposes to entrust the work to a retired Account/Audit officer on quotation basis. (Annexure-15)
12/16	National Seminar – Conference as Co-organizer	No action is required.
12/17	Declaring Nethrani Island as Biodiversity Heritage Site	A copy of the Government Notification in this respect is placed at (Annexure 16)
12/18	Declaring Hoglekan as Biodiversity Heritage Site.	A copy of the Government Notification in this respect is placed at (Annexure 17)
12/19	Progress of Works	The progress of work regarding Formation of Biodiversity Management Committees, Preparation of People’s Biodiversity Registers and Awareness programme is placed at (Annexure 18)
12/20	Accounts for 2008-09	The account for 2008-09 was completed. The Audited Account and Annual report has been submitted to Legislature as advised by AG-Karnataka.
12/21	Biodiversity Award	As decided by the Board an order has been issued increasing the number of Award and Amount. A Notification has sent to Director, Information and Publicity for wide publicity in the News paper calling for the applications for Biodiversity Award for 2009-10 (Annexure 19).
12/22	Protection of Mangroves	As decided by the Board Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has been requested to take action to identify and declare big patches of Mangroves and estuaries under Forest act for effective protection. (Annexure 20)
12/23	Workshop on Medicinal Plants	No action is required
12/24	Workshop on prevention of Coastal Erosion	The resolution passed in the workshop has been sent to the Government for further action. (Annexure 21)
12/25	International Canopy	No action is required.

New Subjects		
13/1	Providing financial assistance to Eco-watch Programme	Chairman, Eco-watch has asked for contribution for conducting of Seminar on Development and Environment with special reference to North Karnataka. The request was received through the Special Secretary (Ecology and Environment) the programme is already over. The Board may consider to provide Rs. 20,000/- for the same as contribution (Annexure 22)
13/2	Providing financial assistance to Karnataka Grameena Paramprika Vyद्या Parishath, Gadag	The Karnataka Grameena Paramprika Vyद्या Parishath, Gadag has requested for financial assistance to conduct Training programme for Rural Traditional Vydyas. The Board may consider to provide Rs. 25,000/- as contribution. (Annexure 23)
13/3	Field study on Cultural Biodiversity in Karnataka	A Proposal is received from the Institute of Indigenous Cultures and Studies for conducting Baseline survey on Cultural Biodiversity in Karnataka. The amount requested is Rs. 14.00 lakhs, project is for 2 years. The Karnataka Biodiversity Board cannot provide this amount because the budget of Karnataka Biodiversity Board is not enough. The current year the Karnataka Biodiversity Board budget is reduced. (Annexure 24)
13/4	Formation of Expert Committee	<p>1. Expert Committee on Heritage Sites:</p> <p>There are some proposals with the Government to declare some areas as Heritage Site as per Biological Diversity Act 2002. Preliminary notification is being published in the Gazette and News Paper calling for objections. After the objections are received, the same are to be scrutinized for further action. For the above purpose Expert Committee needs to be formed. The Board Members may decide the composition of the Expert Committee.</p>
		<p>2. Expert Committee on Agro Biodiversity:</p> <p>The Agriculture is major Biodiversity in Karnataka. There is a need to identify certain areas and declare them as Agro Biodiversity Heritage Site (Hotspot) in order to concentrate effort to conserve the Local Traditional varieties / Land races/Folk varieties. The Board members may deliberate on the formation of</p>

		<p>the Expert Committee on the above subject.</p> <p>It is suggested that the committee members may be paid Rs.1000/- per member as sitting fees. In case of field visit, the committee members may be paid TA and DA as applicable to the Member Secretary of the Board.</p> <p>The Expert committee will be assigned the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of sites for declaration as Heritage Site / Hotspot. 2. The committee will frame Rules for preparation of Management plan for conservation of Heritage sites which will be finalized in consultation with National Biodiversity Authority as per Biodiversity Act 2002 3. Committee will scrutinize the objections received in respect of declaration of Heritage Site and give suitable recommendation to the Government. <p>Following names are suggested for formation of above two Expert committees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri. N.V.Ramachandrachetty, I.F.S, PCCF (Retd) Bangalore 2. Dr. Gladwin Joseph, Director, ATREE, Bangalore 3. Dr. K.N. Ganeshiah, Professor, UAS, Bangalore 4. Dr. Ravindranath, CES, Indian Institute of Science.Bangalore 5. Dr. Balakrishnegowda, Prof. in Botany, GKVK, Bangalore. 6. Dr. D.K.Ved, Director, FRLHT, Bangalore. 7. One representative of National Biodiversity Authority to be decided by the Chairman of NBA. 8. Dr. Keshava Korese, Professor, Dharmasthala Majunatha College. 9. Dr. T.V.Ramachandra, Scientist, IISC, Bangalore. 10. Dr. Darshan Shankar, FRLHT, Bangalore 11. Dr. Ankila Hiremat, ATREE, Bangalore <p>Three members committee may be considered with Deputy Conservator of Forests (KBB) as Convener.</p> <p>The member may also suggest names and decide the composition of Committees.</p>
13/5	Conducting Consultative	It is suggested by the Chairman, Western Ghat

	<p>Meeting on Biodiversity.</p>	<p>Task force to conduct consultative meeting of some Scientists, NGOs, Biodiversity Management Committees Chairpersons, Environmentalists and Government Officials to discuss various aspects of Biodiversity conservation. It is proposed to conduct the meeting in the month of March 2010. For that an expenditure of amount Rs. 60,000/- is expected to cover the TA/DA Honorarium and food expenses. It is proposed to provide Traveling expenses and honorarium as below.</p> <p>1. Traveling Allowance: Bus....Actual Train.....Actual or limited to 3 tyre AC which ever is less.</p> <p>2. Honorarium: Rs. 500/- for those who make Presentation.</p> <p>The Board is requested to consider and approve the same.</p>								
<p>13/6</p>	<p>Declaring Ambargudda as Heritage Site</p>	<p>There are request from various quarters including Chairman, Western Ghat Task Force to consider Ambargudda for declaration as Heritage Site. A proposal has been received from Deputy Conservative of Forests, Sagar Division, Sagar. As per the proposal an area of 3857.17 acre covering the Survey Numbers as below:</p> <table data-bbox="730 1182 1415 1406"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="730 1182 845 1216">Village</th> <th data-bbox="1054 1182 1315 1216">Survey Numbers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="730 1256 845 1290">1. Marathi</td> <td data-bbox="938 1256 1415 1328">95, 116, 117, 125, 136, 141, 161, 205, 207,</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="730 1335 845 1368">2. Adagale.....</td> <td data-bbox="938 1335 1018 1368">93.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="730 1375 845 1408">3. Kodanahali..</td> <td data-bbox="938 1375 1027 1408">16.39</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Totaling to 3857.17 acres of Revenue land is proposed. The Biodiversity Management Committee has passed a resolution recommending to declare the same as Heritage Site.</p> <p>Ambargudda is revenue land located between Sharavati Wildlife Sanctuary, Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and Kudremukh National Park. Thus Ambargudda forms a corridor between these wildlife areas. Further it is observed that there was some mining activity earlier. Due to mining lot of soil erosion and gully formation observed. The local people have informed that due to erosion from the area the agriculture productivity has come down and also the rain water flows down heavily during the rains and afterwards the water is not available in the down slopes and other areas.</p>	Village	Survey Numbers	1. Marathi	95, 116, 117, 125, 136, 141, 161, 205, 207,	2. Adagale.....	93.96	3. Kodanahali..	16.39
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		<p>The mining area is surrounded by shola vegetation which is the primitive vegetation in the Western Ghat.</p> <p>The local people pleaded that the Ambargudda should be declared as heritage site and provide legal protection in order to save the fragile ecosystem of the region and livelihood of local population.</p> <p>On verification of papers it is stated that some mining operations was allowed previously. Now the mining is not being done. Mining lease period is over. Because of obstruction by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar regarding transport of mined minerals the petitioner (Leasee) had approached the High Court of Karnataka. (Writ petition No 20490 of 2007 / (GM-MM). The High Court of Karnataka gave a judgment on 15th January 2009 allowing the petitioner to transport the mined material. Court has ordered that the petitioner will not take any fresh quarrying operations until the issue related to the second renewal is decided.</p> <p>In this connection a committee inspected the site and the opinion of the Committee received from Chairman Task Force is placed at (Annexure 25) along with all relevant documents. The board may decide to propose to Government to declare it as heritage site under Biological Diversity Act 2002.</p>
13/7	Conducting meeting of Biodiversity Management Committee members	<p>On the suggestion of Chairman, Western Ghat Task force it is proposed to organize Biodiversity Management Committee members meeting along with concerned NGOs to make the BMCs functional in conservation of Biodiversity and create Awareness. It is proposed to conduct the meetings at Sirsi, Mangalore, Bellary and Shimoga. The above programme will be conducted in April / May 2010. Approximately an expenditure of Rs. 60,000/- per programme may be required for one day programme. The Board is requested to consider and approve the same.</p>
13/8	Vision document of Biodiversity 2020	<p>The Government had asked a vision 2020 document on Biodiversity. The same has been prepared in accordance with CBD goals and submitted and copy placed at (Annexure 26) for information.</p>
13/9	The International year of	The International year of Biodiversity 2010

	Biodiversity	programme for various districts have been prepared and the same is placed at (Annexure 27) for information.
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13/10	Seminar on Environmental Impact on Biodiversity.	Bangalore University has requested for financial assistance to conduct one day seminar on Environmental Impact on Biodiversity. The Board may consider to provide Rs. 20,000/- as contribution. (Annexure-28)								
13/11	Bt. Brinjal – Bt. Crop	There are lot of controversy about Genetically Modified Food / Bt. Crop. A note on Bt Brinjal is prepared on the basis of information available from various sources. The same applies to other Bt food crop which is about to come i.e, Bt. Maize, Bt. Potato, Bt tomato etc. The people from various quarters are asking for the opinion of the Board. It is therefore requested that the Board may give its opinion. So that other can be informed accordingly. (Annexure-29)								
13/12	Vegetation Mapping by Forest Survey of India	The Vegetation Map of the country prepared by Forest Survey of India has been released by Hon'ble Minster for Environment and Forest, Government of India in the month of November 2009. The extract pertaining to Karnataka is placed at (Annexure-30) for information and deliberation of the Board.								
13/13	Furnishing of information by bio-industries	<p>As per the Biodiversity Act the companies/firms using bio-resources are supposed to furnish the information as per Form-I giving the details of quantity, locations/sources. There are 165 pharmaceutical companies utilizing bio-resources and there are 81 cosmetic companies. The number of Companies who made declaration is as below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="722 1332 1094 1518"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Declaration made</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2007-08</td> <td>99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2008-09</td> <td>77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009-10</td> <td>59</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Almost all the companies have stated that they are procuring bio-resources from dealers or open market. They have not declared actual source/village. In the review meetings of Biodiversity Boards held at Kolkata in September 2009, decision was taken to issue notices to the companies which are reluctant to provide complete & correct information. And before issuing notices a resolution to that effect may be passed in the State Biodiversity Board meeting. Hence the subject is placed before Board for discussion. (Annexure 31)</p>	Year	Declaration made	2007-08	99	2008-09	77	2009-10	59
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2007-08	99									
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Additional Principal Chief Conservator

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Names suggested for formation of committee:

1. Dr. Dharmarajan, Additional Director, Department of Agriculture, Bangalore
2. Dr. Hittalamani, Additional Director, Department of Horticulture, Bangalore
3. Dr. Krishnamurthy, Professor of Agronomy, UAS, Bangalore.