F.No. CS-C 12018/3/2020-CS-III
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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New Delhi- 110003
Dated: 20.07.2026

To,

1. Member Secretary
   National Biodiversity Authority
   Chennai

2. Member Secretary
   State Biodiversity Boards
   All States Governments

Subject: Appointment of Authorised Officer for filing complaints before the Adjudicating Officer under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (as amended in 2023) – reg.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 55A(1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Amended in 2023), the Central Government has appointed the adjudicating officer vide this Ministry's Order dated 10.01.2025. (copy enclosed)

2. In view of the above, the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) is advised to appoint an authorised officer under Rule 23(1) of the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024, for filing complaints before the Adjudicating Officer in respect of any non-compliance or contravention under the Act. The State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs) are likewise advised to appoint an authorised officer for filing complaints before the Adjudicating Officer in respect of any non-compliance or contravention under the Act, after suitably revising their respective State Biological Diversity Rules.

Achuta 20-7-2026
(Achuta Nand Shukla)
Scientist 'E'

Encl.: As above.

Copy to

1. PPS to Secretary
2. PPS to Additional Secretary (AA)
3. Secretary (in charge), Environment/Forest, Department of the State Government/Union Territories of all States/Union Territories

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Date: 10 January, 2025

ORDER

Subject: Appointment of Adjudicating Officer under Section 55A (1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002-regarding

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 55A (1) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the Central Government hereby appoints the following officers as Adjudicating officers:

i. The Secretary in-charge, Environment/Forest Department of the State Government/ Union Territory Administration, dealing with the subject of Biodiversity, for their respective jurisdiction for the complaints filed by the State Biodiversity Board/ Union Territory Biodiversity Council.
ii. Joint Secretary or Scientist 'G' in-charge of the Biodiversity Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India for the complaints filed by the National Biodiversity Authority.

2. The Adjudicating Officer shall be provided with requisite manpower assistance, office space and technical assistance by State Government/ Union Territory Administration, as the case may be.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Achuta - 10-1-2025
(Achuta Nand Shukla)
Scientist 'E'

To,

I. The Secretary In-charge, Environment/Forest Department of the State Government/ Union Territory Administration of all States/Union Territories.
II. The Additional Secretary, CS-III (Biodiversity) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
III. Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai
IV. Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Boards/ Union Territories Biodiversity Councils of all States/Union Territories.

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