

# University of Mumbai



## **Circular:-**

Following is a letter No.BNB/3092 dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013 received from Prin. Dr. Mrs. M. K. Pejaver, Dean Faculty of Science, University of Mumbai.

Reference: - Letter from MSBB Board No. MSBB/ University/ 342/13 - 14  
My Letter No. BNB/ 3013 dated 10.12.2013 & BNB/3028 dated 12.12.2013

Subject: - Prior information to Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board regarding use of biological resources in Scientific Projects/ Research Programme u/s 7 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Dear Sir,

As per the notification of MSBB – Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board (Government of Maharashtra), Nagpur, "No Person / Institute can obtain any biological resource occurring in India or knowledge associated there to for research or for commercial utilization, or for bio-survey and bio-utilization without previous approval of State Biodiversity Board / National Biodiversity Authority" and "Who-So-ever contravenes the provision of this Act, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees or with both" (Reference Section 7 & 23 of the Biological Diversity Act 2002 and See 17 of Maharashtra Biological Diversity rules 2008)

Moreover, where an offense or contravention under this Act is committed by a Company or Institute, every person who at the time of the offense or contravention was committed was in charge as well as the Company / Institute shall be deemed to be guilty of the offense and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

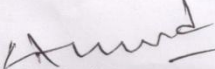
All the Institute / Colleges / Departments of Zoology, Botany, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Biotechnology, Genetic Sciences, Biochemistry, Microbiology etc. affiliated to University of Mumbai as well as teachers who are using biological resources should obtain legal permission for the use of biological resources and give prior intimation of use of biological resource to the State Biodiversity Board in the proforma attached herewith.

Sd/-  
for Registrar

No. APD/504/1/of 2014

1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014

Copy forwarded to all affiliated Science Colleges for information and further necessary action in the matter.

  
for Registrar

**FORM I**  
**(See rule 17)**

**Application form for access to / collection of Biological resources for commercial utilization and associated traditional knowledge**

**Part A**

1. Full particulars of the applicant
  - (a). Name:
  - (b). Permanent address:
  - (c). Address of the contact person / agent, if any, in India:
  - (d). Profile of the organization (personal profile in case the applicant is an individual). (Please attach relevant documents of authentication):
  - (e). Nature of business:
  - (f). Turnover of the organization in Indian Rupee
2. Details and specific information about nature of access sought and biological material and/or associated knowledge to be accessed
  - a) Identification (scientific name) of biological resources and its traditional use:
  - b) Geographical location (including village, Janpad, and district) of proposed collection:
  - c) Description / nature of traditional knowledge and its existing manifestations and uses (oral / documented):
  - d) Any identified individual / family / community holding the traditional knowledge:
  - e) Quantity of biological resources to be collected:
  - f) Time span in which the biological resources are proposed to be collected:
  - g) Name and number of person authorized by the company for making the collection.
  - h) The purpose for which the access is requested including the type and extent of research, commercial use being derived and expected to be derived from it:
  - i) Whether any collection or use of the resource endangers any component of biological diversity and the risks which may arise from the access.
3. Estimation of benefits that would flow to communities arising out of the use of accessed bio-resources and traditional knowledge
4. Proposed mechanism and arrangements for benefit sharing.
5. Any other information

**Part "B"**  
**Declaration**

I/ we declare that:

- Collection and use of proposed biological resources shall not adversely affect the sustainability of the resources;
- Collection and use of proposed biological resources shall not entail any environmental impact;
- Collection and use of proposed biological resources shall not pose any risk to biodiversity, including ecosystems, species, and genetic diversity;
- Collection and use of proposed biological resources shall not adversely affect the local communities;

I/we undertake to pay any fee and/ or royalty, as may be levied by the Board or BMCs. I/we further undertake to furnish any irrevocable bank guarantee, as may be prescribed by the Board.

I/we further declare the Information provided in the application form is true and correct and I /We shall be responsible for any incorrect / wrong information.

Signed .....

Name .....

Title.....

Place: .....

Date: .....