

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನಡವಳಿಕೆಗಳು

ವಿಷಯ: ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ, 1960ರಡಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ (Karnataka Eco-tourism Development Board) ರಚಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಓದಲಾಗಿದೆ: ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ) ಇವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಡಿ/ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯುಎಲ್/ಸಿಆರ್-59/09-10, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.03.2010.

ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆ:

ಮೇಲೆ ಓದಲಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.03.2010 ರ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ), ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರು ಮಧ್ಯಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಿಮಾಚಲ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಸೊಸೈಟಿಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸಹ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ದೈಯೋದ್ದೇಶಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

1. ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಕುರಿತು ಜನಸಾಮಾನ್ಯರಲ್ಲಿ, ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಯುವಕರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸುವುದು.
2. ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬಲಪಡಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡುವುದು.
3. ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಮುದಾಯದವರನ್ನು ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಕ್ರಿಯವಾಗಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು.
4. ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸಲು ನೀತಿ, ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಹಕರಿಸುವುದು.
5. ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮದ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅದರ ಪರಿಣಾಮಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.
6. ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮವನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಡಿ ಮುಂಚೂಣಿಗೆ ತಂದು ಸಮೃದ್ಧ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ಬಲಪಡಿಸುವುದು.
7. ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ನಡೆಸುವಂತಹ ಸಂಘ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಉತ್ತಮ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸುವಂತೆ ರೂಪಿಸುವುದು.

8. ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ನಡೆಸುವ ಸಂಘ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಶ್ರೇಣೀಕೃತಗೊಳಿಸುವುದು.
9. ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಕರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವುದು.
10. ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಉತ್ತೇಜನಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ, ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಸಾಧನಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು.
11. ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವುದು.
12. ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ / ಅಂತರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು, ತಜ್ಞರುಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಧನಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುವ ಏಜನ್ಸಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಮನ್ವಯ ಸಾಧಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ಅಂತರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಧನಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡುವ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ವಂತಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಧನ ಸಹಾಯವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಒಳಗಡೆ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದು.
13. ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಟ್ರಿಂಗ್ ಹಾಗೂ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಸಫಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದು.
14. ಕಾನೂನಿನನ್ವಯ ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಧ್ಯವೋ ಅಂತಹ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಸಹಭಾಗಿತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡುವುದು.
15. ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲು ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯ ತೊಡಗಿಸುವಿಕೆ / ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡುವುದು.
16. ಮೇಲಿನ ಉದ್ದೇಶಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೂರಕವಾಗುವಂತಹ ಇನ್ನೂ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಅಂತಹ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ನೀತಿ ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯೂ ಒಂದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ, ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಮೂಡಿಸುವ ಸಾಧನವಾಗಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಮನಗಂಡು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ, ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯು "Regulated, low-impact tourism has the potential to be a vital tool as it helps win public support for wildlife conservation" ಎಂದು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ನೀಡಿದ್ದು, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ರಾಜ್ಯದೊಳಗಿನ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಮುದಾಯದವರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಾವಕಾಶದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಅನುಕೂಲಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮದಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ

ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ, ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿನ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮವನ್ನು ಉತ್ತೇಜಿಸಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾದ ನೀತಿ ನಿಯಮಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮದಿಂದ ಗಳಿಸುವ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಅರಣ್ಯ, ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಳಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದನ್ನು ಖಾತರಿಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮವನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ತೀವ್ರ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವಂತಹ ಸಂಘ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ನೀಡಲು “ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ” ಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಆದೇಶ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಅಪಜೀ 60 ಎಫ್‌ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯುಎಲ್ 2010

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2012

ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಅಂಶಗಳ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರವು “ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ (Karnataka Eco-tourism Development Board)” ಎಂಬ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುವಂತೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದೆ.

2. ನೂತನವಾಗಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುತ್ತವೆ.

3. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ನಿಯಮ ಮತ್ತು ವಿನಿಯಮಗಳು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಪದನಿಮಿತ್ತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧಿಕಾರೇತರ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ಒಂದು ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಇವರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಪದನಿಮಿತ್ತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ನೇಮಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಒಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಲು ನಿಯಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿದೆ. ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯು ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ನಿಯೋಜಿತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಯೋಜನೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಹಾಗೂ ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರು ಮತ್ತು ದಲಾಯತ್ ಮುಂತಾದ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇಮಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

4. ಮಂಡಳಿಯು ಆರ್ಥಿಕವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಧನಸಹಾಯವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಪಾತ್ರ ವಹಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸದರಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಮೂಲಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡವುಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು:-


- ಅ) ರಾಜ್ಯ ಅಥವಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಗಳಿಂದ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅನುದಾನ.
- ಆ) ಖಾಸಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀಡಿದ ಸಲಹೆ/ಸಮಾಲೋಚನೆಗಳಿಂದ ಬಂದ ಧನ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಬಂದ ಧನ.
- ಇ) ಯಾವುದೇ ಮೂಲಗಳಿಂದ ಬಂದ ದಾನ ದತ್ತಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ದೇಣಿಗೆ.

5. ಸದರಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಸ್ವರೂಪ, ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು, ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯವಿಧಾನ ಮುಂತಾದವುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಈ ಆದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿರುವ ಅನುಬಂಧ-1 ಮತ್ತು 2 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿದೆ.

6. ಸದರಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ತಗಲುವ ವೆಚ್ಚವನ್ನು ಯೋಜನೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಅನುದಾನದಿಂದ ಭರಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

7. ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಗೆ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಫ್‌ಡಿ 1255 ವೆಚ್ಚ-5/2011, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.12.2011 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸಹಮತಿ ಪಡೆದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಆದೇಶಾನುಸಾರ
ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ,


(ಉಮಾದೇವಿ)

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,

ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ.


ಗ,

ಸಂಕಲನಕಾರರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರಿಗೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಸಂಚಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಕಟಿತ 50 ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ 100 ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ) ಇವರಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರತಿಗಳು:

1. ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಹಾಲೇಖಪಾಲರು, (ಲೆಕ್ಕಪತ್ರ/ಲೆಕ್ಕಪರಿಶೋಧನೆ) ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

2. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಪರಿಸರ ಮತ್ತು ಜೀವಿಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
3. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಧಾನಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
4. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಕಾಸಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
5. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಪಶುಸಂಗೋಪನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೀನುಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಕಾಸಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
6. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರೌಢಶಿಕ್ಷಣ), ಬಹುಮಹಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
7. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಯುವಜನ ಸೇವಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
8. ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು), ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
9. ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ), ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
10. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಬೃಹತ್ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಕಾಸಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
11. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಕಾಸಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
12. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಕಾಸಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
13. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ/ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಸಹಕಾರ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
14. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕಂದಾಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

15. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಅಥವಾ ಅವರಿಂದ ನಾಮ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಘೋರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
16. ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಅಥವಾ ಅವರಿಂದ ನಾಮ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿತರು, ಭಾರತ ಪರಿಸರ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಸೊಸೈಟಿ.
17. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಅಥವಾ ಅವರಿಂದ ನಾಮ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿತರು, ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಭಾರತದ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಸಂಘ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
18. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಅಥವಾ ಅವರಿಂದ ನಾಮ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿತರು, ಅಡ್ವೆಂಚರ್ ಟೂರ್ ಆಪ್‌ರೇಟರ್ಸ್, ನವದೆಹಲಿ.

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ
ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ)
ಇವರ ಮುಖಾಂತರ

19. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರ ಆಪ್ತ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಧಾನಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
20. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ಆಪ್ತ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ವಿಧಾನಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
21. ಶಾಖಾ ರಕ್ಷಾ ಕಡತ / ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳು.

A nexure – I to the Government Order No: FEE 60 FWL 2010, Dt: 24.02.2012

THE KARNATAKA ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Registered Society under the Forest Department, Government of Karnataka)

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1.1. NAME : The name of the Society shall be
"Karnataka Eco-Tourism Development Board"

1.2. REGISTERED OFFICE : The Registered Office of the Board shall be
situated at Bangalore

1.3. JURISDICTION : The activities of the Board shall extend to the
entire State of Karnataka

1.4. OBJECTIVES

1.4.1 To create awareness regarding the conservation of forests and wildlife amongst
the people in general and children and youth, in particular.

1.4.2 To encourage and promote tourism activities in the country in general and the
State of Karnataka, in particular.

1.4.3 To encourage local community involvement in eco-tourism and provide greater
employment opportunities and economic benefits to the local people.

1.4.4 To assist in formulation of policies, laws and guidelines for organized
development of eco-tourism activities in the State.

1.4.5 To conduct research and impact-studies in eco-tourism areas.

1.4.6 To promote eco-tourism as a frontline non-consumptive activity of Forest
Department.

1.4.7 To develop good practices to be followed by the eco-tourism operators.

1.4.8 To standardize and operate certification of eco-tourism operators.

1.4.9 To train and certify nature guides.

1.4.10 To produce literature and electronic media material required for nature education
and eco-tourism promotion.

1.4.11 To facilitate linkages between public and private operators in the cause of
conservation of wildlife.

1.4.12 To co-ordinate and liaise with national/ international bodies, experts and funding agencies and receive contribution and funds from Government of India, State Government, national and international funding agencies etc.

1.4.13 To encourage local community involvement in eco-tourism.

1.4.14 To maintain and facilitate eco-tourism activities inside the parks and forest areas.

1.4.15 To develop trekking trails and operate wildlife safaris in the "Protected Areas".

1.4.16 To encourage public-private partnerships (PPP) in the area of eco-tourism, wherever the law permits.

1.4.17 To engage/employ such staff as may be necessary for efficient handling and conduct of business of the Board.

1.4.18 To carry out any other activities in furtherance of the above objectives.

1.5 - GOVERNING BODY:

1.5.1 - The Government of Karnataka shall nominate ex-officio and non-official members to the Governing Body and they shall hold the office during the pleasure of the Government.

1.6 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1.6.1 - The Government of Karnataka shall nominate ex-officio members to the Executive Committee to manage the affairs of the Board and they shall hold office during the pleasure of the Government.

1.7 - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORITY TO CORRESPOND:

1.7.1 The Government shall appoint an Officer, not below the rank of Chief Conservator of Forests, on deputation, from the Karnataka Forest Department, as Chief Executive Officer of the Board, who shall be responsible for the proper management and administration of the affairs of the Board, subject to the superintendence and directions of the Executive Committee.


(UMADEVI)

Under Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.



Annexure – II to the Government Order No: FEE 60 FWL 2010, Dt: 24.02.2012

2. LIST OF MEMBERS WHO ARE AUTHORISED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO FORM THEMSELVES INTO A SOCIETY CALLED “KARNATAKA ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE KARNATAKA SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT 1960:

2.1 – We the undersigned being the founding ex-officio members are desirous of forming a Society called “Karnataka Eco-Tourism Development Board” in pursuance of the Memorandum of Association and under the provisions of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.

Sl. No.	Names and address	Occupation	Signature
1.	Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Forests, Ecology and Environment Department, Government of Karnataka, M.S.Building Bangalore – 560 001.	Government Service	
2.	Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha Bangalore – 560 001.	Government Service	
3.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Tourism Department, Government of Karnataka, Vikasa Soudha Bangalore – 560 001.	Government Service	
4.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, Government of Karnataka, Vikasa Soudha Bangalore – 560 001.	Government Service	
5.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Education Department (Primary and Secondary Education), Government of Karnataka, M S Building Bangalore.	Government Service	
6.	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Youth Services Department, Government of Karnataka, M.S.Building, Bangalore – 560 001.	Government Service	

7.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003	Government Service	
8.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild-Life), Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003	Government Service	

WITNESSES:

We know the above signatories and they have signed in our presence:

3 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE KARNATAKA ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD (Articles of Association)

3.1 - SHORT TITLE:

These Rules may be called "The Karnataka Eco-Tourism Development Board" Rules and Regulations.

3.2 - APPLICABILITY:

These Rules shall come into force from the date on which the Karnataka Eco-Tourism Development Board is registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.

3.3 - DEFINITIONS:

In these Rules, the following expressions shall have the meaning as indicated below, unless the context otherwise requires.

3.3.1 - "Act or Rules" shall mean the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and Rules made there under.

3.3.2 - "Board" shall mean the Karnataka Eco-Tourism Development Board, Bangalore

3.3.3 - "President" means the President of the Governing Body of the Karnataka Eco-Tourism Board.

3.3.4 - "Chief Executive Officer" means the Officer appointed by the Government as the Chief Executive officer of the Karnataka Eco-Tourism Development Board.

3.3.5 - "Executive Committee" means the Committee, which is nominated by the Government to manage affairs of the Board.

3.3.6 - "Government" means the Government of Karnataka.

3.3.7 - "Governing Body" consists of the members nominated by the Government as per the G.O.No: FEE 60 FWL 2010, Dt: 24.02.2012

3.3.8 - "Member" means the members of the Governing Body or the Members of the Executive Committee of the Board, as the context requires.

3.3.9 - "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

3.3.10 –“Registrar” means any of the officer of the Government of Karnataka authorised to exercise the powers of the Registrar of Societies, under whose jurisdiction the Board is registered.

3.3.11 –“State” means the State of Karnataka.

3.3.12 –“Year” means twelve calendar months starting April to March of the succeeding year.

4. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS:

4.1. The Governing Body may admit individuals, any company either private or public or both or any corporation or financial institutions or NGOs, who are all interested in the objectives of the Board on such conditions including subscription, donation, grant and endowment as specified by the Governing Body.

4.2. The Governing Body may terminate membership of any member who fails to pay the subscription prescribed or fails to comply with any condition laid down or any cause like insolvency, moral turpitude, conviction for any criminal offence or for unsound mind.

4.3. Any member so terminated may be readmitted on fulfillment of such conditions that the Governing body may stipulate.

4.4. Non-official members are nominated for a period of 2 years. After expiry of 2 years in office, they shall be deemed to have vacated their offices.

4.5. A non-official member may resign from the membership of the Governing Body during his tenure by tendering resignation letter to the Government.

4.6. The Governing Body may have the right to co-opt any eminent personalities as co-opted members and such co-opted members shall not have any right to vote in the Annual General or Special General Body meetings.

5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

1 – The Government of Karnataka has nominated the following as the Members of the Governing Body

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
1. Honorable Minister for Forests Government of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore – 560 001.	President
2. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Forests, Ecology and Environment Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore – 560 001.	Member
3. Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore – 560 001.	Member
4. Principal Secretary / Secretary Tourism Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore – 560 001.	Member
6. Principal Secretary / Secretary Youth services Department, Bangalore.	Member
7. Principal Secretary / Secretary Education Department (Primary and Secondary Education), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore – 560 001.	Member
8. Principal Secretary, Major Irrigation Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.	Member
9. Principal Secretary / Secretary, Minor Irrigation Department Government of Karnataka Bangalore	Member
10. Principal Secretary / Secretary Horticulture Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.	Member

11. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003	Member
12. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife) Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003	Member
13. Chief Executive Officer	Member Secretary
NON OFFICIAL MEMBERS	
14. President (or his nominee) Karnataka Tourism Forum, Bangalore	Member
15. Secretary (or his nominee) Eco-tourism Society of India	Member
16. President (or his nominee) Wild Life Association of South India Bangalore	Member
17. President (or his nominee) Adventure Tour Operators of India New Delhi	Member
18. Two Prominent Wildlife NGO's (Nominated by the State Government)	Members

5.2.—The Government may reconstitute the Governing Body from time to time.

5.3 – No member of the Governing Body shall have any personal claim on any immovable or movable properties of the Board or to make any profits whatsoever by virtue of the membership.

6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

6.1 – The Governing Body shall formulate the objectives, policies and take decisions in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and the rules and regulations.

6.2 – Approve the annual accounts of income and expenditure of the Board

6.3 – Make Bye-laws, not inconsistent with the rules and regulations.

6.4 – The Governing Body may do all such acts, deeds matters and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives specified In the Memorandum of Association.

7. MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

7.1 The President shall preside over the meetings of the Governing Body

7.2 The Board shall hold every year a general body meeting at which the report of the management of the Board for the previous year together with an audited copy of the balance sheet, income and expenditure statements and the auditor's report shall be placed before the general body for approval.

7.3 The first annual general body meeting shall be held by the Board within 18 months of its registration. The next annual general body meeting of the Board shall be held within 9 months after the expiry of the year in which the first annual general body meetings was held; and thereafter an annual general body meeting shall be held within 9 months after the expiry of each year.

7.4 A special general body meeting may be convened at any time on the requisition of the President of the Governing body or on the requisition of not less than one third of the number of members of the Governing body who shall state in writing the purpose for which they wish the meeting to be convened and the Chief Executive Officer shall within 10 days from the date of the receipt of such requisition proceed duly to call a meeting for consideration of the purpose.

7.5 Notice of not less than 21 days shall be given in writing to all the members of the Governing Body for every general body meeting.

7.6 No business shall be transacted at any general body meeting unless the required quorum is present. The quorum shall not be less than one third of the total number of members of the Governing body.

7.7 If no quorum is present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the general body meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day at any convenient time. For the adjourned meeting, there is no need to issue a separate meeting notice. For such adjourned meeting, no quorum shall be necessary and the members present may deliberate for which the meeting was originally called for.

7.8 Every motion submitted to a general body meeting shall be decided by show of hands and in case of equality of votes; the President shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote to which he is entitled to as a member. Every member shall have one vote. The President shall be the absolute authority to count and judge the validity of votes in any General or Special General Body Meetings.

- 7.9 At any general body meeting, a declaration by the President that a resolution has been carried or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.1 – The following are the members of the Executive Committee.

1. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Forests, Ecology & Environment Department, Government of Karnataka Bangalore.	Chair-person
2. Principal Secretary / Secretary Tourism Department, Government of Karnataka Bangalore.	Member
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Aranya Bhavan, Malleswaram, 18 th Cross, Bangalore – 560 003.	Member
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife), Aranya Bhavan, Malleswaram, 18 th Cross, Bangalore –3.	Member
5. Secretary, Finance Department (Budget & Resources), Government of Karnataka Bangalore.	Member
6. Principal Secretary, Major Irrigation Department Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.	Member
7. Principal Secretary / Secretary Minor Irrigation Department Government of Karnataka Bangalore	Member
8. Director, Tourism Department, Khanija Bhavan, Bangalore.	Member

9. Managing Director, Jungle Lodges & Resorts Ltd., Bangalore.	Member
10. Director, Fisheries Department, Bangalore.	Member
11. Director, Institute of Hotel Management, Bangalore.	Member
12. Director, Horticulture Department, Bangalore.	Member
13. Managing Director, (or his nominee) Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd., Bangalore	Member
14. Chief Executive Officer	Member Secretary

9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- 9.1 The Executive Committee shall have powers to add new rules, frame new regulations, amend the existing rules and regulations, and delegate the powers to the Chief Executive Officer for proper functioning of the Board.
- 9.2 The Executive Committee may constitute committees, sub-committees, advisory bodies for such purposes and for such periods as are necessary from time to time for any objectives, purposes or functions of the Board.
- 9.3 The Executive Committee shall approve the Annual Plan of Operations of the Board prepared by the Chief Executive Officer. The Executive Committee shall review the programmes and the activities of the Board.
- 9.4 The Executive Committee may invite any specialists/organizations to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee. Such invitee or invitees shall not be entitled to vote.
- 9.5 The Executive Committee may provide grants, subsidies and finances to individuals, institutions, agencies, Government Departments, Universities, Non-Governmental Organizations and agencies needing such assistance for such programmes as are related to the objectives of the Board.

9.6 No member of the Executive Committee shall have any personal claim on any immovable or movable properties of the Board or to make any profits whatsoever by virtue of the membership.

9.7 The Executive Committee may do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives specified in the Memorandum of Association.

10. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

10.1 A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at least once in a quarter with the prior approval of the Chairperson.

10.2 The Chairperson shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee including the Chairperson shall have one vote. Every motion submitted to the Executive Committee meeting shall be decided by show of hands and in case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote to which he is entitled to as a member. The Chairperson shall be the absolute authority to count and judge the validity of votes in Executive Committee meetings.

10.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall cause minutes of every meeting of the Executive committee to be entered in a register and duly signed by the Chairperson and it shall be kept in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer.

11. THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

11.1 The Chief Executive officer is authorized to correspond with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bangalore and he is the ex-officio Member-Secretary of the General Body and the Executive Committee.

11.2 The Chief Executive Officer shall have such powers as may be delegated for the management of the affairs of the Authority as in the Memorandum of Association and the rules as decided by the Executive Committee.

11.3 All communications with regard to the affairs of the Authority shall be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority only.

11.4 The Chief Executive Officer shall convene the meetings of the Executive Committee, Annual General Body Meetings and any Special General Body Meetings of the Authority, prepare minutes and circulate them among members and others.

11.5 Every year, the Chief Executive Officer shall prepare the Annual Plan of Operations for the Board based on the policies and decisions of the General Body and the directions of the Executive Committee.

- 11.6 The Chief Executive Officer shall assign duties to all office and field staff of the Board and shall exercise supervisory and disciplinary control over them.
- 11.7 The Chief Executive Officer shall attend to all the statutory requirements of the Board and shall have Board to institute or defend legal suits, legal proceedings or actions of the Board.
- 11.8 The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for the finances and accounts of the Board. He shall be responsible for the passing of bills, payments to be made or to receive on behalf of the Board.
- 11.9 The Chief Executive Officer may attend / organize meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences and congresses with regard to conservation, utilization and development of medicinal and aromatic plants within India.
- 11.10 The Chief Executive Officer shall take prior permission from the Government before undertaking any tours outside the country.
- 11.11 The Chief Executive Officer may invite any specialists / organizations to attend the general, special meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee. Such invitee or invitees shall not be entitled to vote.
- 11.12 The Chief Executive Officer shall file a copy of the balance sheet together with a copy of the receipts and payments accounts duly audited and approved at the general meeting together with a list of the names, addresses and occupations of the members of the General Body, with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, within 14 days of holding the general meeting, as required under Section 13 of the Act.
- 11.13 The Chief Executive Officer may do all such acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Board.

12. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:

- 12.1 The management of funds and properties, movable and immovable of the Board shall be vested in the Chief Executive Officer.
- 12.2 The funds of the Board shall consist of the following:
- (a) Grants received from State or Central Governments
 - (b) Money received for providing various consultancy & other services to private & public organisations
 - (c) Any donations and gifts from any source.
- 12.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall keep at the registered office, proper books of accounts with respect to all money received and expended and matters in respect of which receipt and expenditures take place and with respect to all sales and purchases of goods by Board, its assets and liabilities as required by the Act.

12.4 The accounts of the Board shall be audited every year by a Chartered Accountant appointed for the purpose.

13. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

13.1 The Board may sue or be sued in the name of the Chief Executive Officer only.

13.2 The Chief Executive Officer only shall sign all contracts and assurance of property made on behalf of the Board.

13.3 Any amendment, alteration or change in the Memorandum of Association or rules and regulations of the Board shall be in conformity with the provisions of Section 9 and 10 of the Board.

13.4 In the event of any proposal for amalgamation or dissolution of the Board being effected, it shall be with the prior consent of the State Government and in conformity with the provisions of the Sections 21 to 23 of the Act.

13.5 For any acts, matters and things, which have not been specifically, provided for in these rules, the provisions of the Act and Rules framed thereunder shall apply.

13.6 The Chief executive Officer shall engage the services of legal practitioners to deal with any of the court / tribunal cases pertaining to the Board.

14. FINANCIAL YEAR:

14.1 The financial year of the Board shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year.

15. WORKING HOURS:

15.1 The working hours of the Board shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

16. INDEMNITY:

16.1 Any act or things committed or done by a member or any official of the Board in performance of the duties assigned to him, if accepted by the Governing body, shall be deemed to have been done in good faith.


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