



# National Biodiversity Authority

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To  
**Shri A.V. Joseph, IFS**  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
"Aranya Bhavan", Saifabad,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad – 500 004

Sir,

**Sub:** Benefit sharing on the export of Red Sanders – Compliance with the provisions of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 – reg.

- Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 19.12.2013, 06.01.2014 & 15.07.2014  
2. Andhra Pradesh Forest Department letter No.Rc.No. 35556 / 2013 / V3, dated 08.02.2014  
3. Your office letter no. Rc.No.35556/2013/V.2 dated 02.08.2014.

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This has reference to your letter 3<sup>rd</sup> cited above on the captioned subject. In this connection, it is to inform that a meeting with the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) Government of Andhra Pradesh was held with the Chairman, NBA on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 to discuss the benefit sharing mechanism to be applied on the Red Sanders cleared by the DGFT for export.

2. Subsequently, the matter was placed before the 28<sup>th</sup> Authority Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. The decision of the Authority on the subject was communicated to you vide this office letter of even number dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014. After considering various key factors such as conservation of this endangered and threatened species, which is endemic to India, high economic value of this bioresource, etc., the Authority while deciding on the matter, fixed 5% on the auction price of Red Sanders as benefit sharing component to be realised from the successful bidders. It is pertinent to mention here that the Authority is empowered to regulate activities relating to biological resources and for fair and equitable benefit sharing in accordance with Section 18 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

3. The payment of benefit sharing of 5% of the auctioned amount by the successful bidder is a separate element in addition to the bid amount which the AP State will receive from the bidder. Therefore, levying of 5% benefit sharing will in no way reduce the revenue to the State Government as stated in the letter cited above.

4. Since the notice for global e-tender cum e-auction for the sale of red sanders (4160 MT) has already been published, it is requested that the necessary corrigendum/amendment imposing 5% of benefit sharing on the auctioned amount as

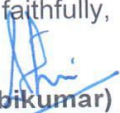
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per the decision of the Authority may kindly be caused to be incorporated in the tender document.

5. In view of the above, the question of withdrawing the decision of the Authority as requested in your letter under reference (3) above does not arise.

Yours faithfully,

  
(T. Rabikumar)  
Secretary, NBA.

**Copy to:**

1. **Shri Shekhar Prasad Singh, IAS.**, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Department of Environment & Forests, A.P.Secretariat, Hyderabad..... ***A copy of extract of the proceedings of the NBA Authority meeting is enclosed for your kind reference.***
2. **Shri J. Raymond Peter, IAS**, Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Forest, Science & Technology, Room No-313, 2nd Floor, D-Block, Telangana State. Secretariat, Hyderabad - 500 001..... ***A copy of extract of the proceedings of the NBA Authority meeting is enclosed for your kind reference.***
3. **Shri S.B.L.Misra, IFS**, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ( Head of Forest Force), Telangana Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad – 500 004
4. **Dr.Hampaiah Ralladoddi**, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, 6th Floor, Chandravihar Complex, APHB, M.J. Road, Beside:CARE Hospital, Nampally, Hyderabad-500 001.

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