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Department of Law & Judiciary

Legal Affairs Division

Notification

10/3/2014-LA/217

The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Central Act No. 18 of 2003), which has been passed by Parliament and assented to by the President on 5-2-2003 and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section I, dated 5-2-2003, is hereby published for the general information of the public.

Julio Barbosa Noronha, Under Secretary (Law).

Porvorim, 30th July, 2014.

MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 5th February, 2003/Magha 16, 1924 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 5th February, 2003, and is hereby published for general information:—

THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT, 2002

No. 18 of 2003 [5th February, 2003]

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to provide for conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of its components and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the use of biological resources, knowledge and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Department of Science, Technology &
Environment

Notification

82-10-2010/STE-DIR

The following scheme is approved by the Government is published for the information of general public under:—

**“SCHEME FOR PROMOTION OF
BIOMASS BRIQUETTING MACHINES”**

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (i) This scheme may be called as Grant of Subsidy for Biomass Briquetting Plants Scheme.

(ii) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

(iii) The scheme shall be implemented through Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA).

2. *Introduction to the scheme.*— (i) Depletion of Conventional Energy Sources is the global problem. There is need to utilize Non-Conventional Renewable Energy Sources.

(ii) Government of Goa has launched the scheme for promoting Efficient Biomass Utilization and the Government of Goa desires to extend its support to save energy by providing Natural Source of Energy in the form of Biomass Briquettes in the State.

(iii) This scheme is therefore formulated in order to promote Biomass Briquetting plants in small sector in the State.

3. *Objectives of the scheme.*— (i) This scheme is formulated with the objective of—

(a) to promote Biomass Briquettes through Block Development Offices and other recognized Institutions under the State and Central Government and private entrepreneurs.

(b) to provide assistance for promotion and setting up the Biomass Briquetting Plants as Renewable Sources of Energy.

(ii) The Government of Goa with a view to overcome the conventional energy problem desires to extent support to the general public to save energy by providing Natural Source of Energy in the State.

4. *Scope of the scheme.*— (i) The main scope of this scheme is to provide subsidy to the manufacturer/entrepreneur for purchase of Biomass Briquetting Machines so as to achieve the objectives set out in the scheme.

(ii) Financial subsidy under this scheme shall be provided for the following components:

(a) Purchase of Biomass Briquetting Machines and auxiliary plant machinery like cutting and pulverizing units.

(iii) Financial subsidy will be provided in form of subsidy, subject to the condition that 25% or Rs. 4,00,000/- whichever is less of the machinery cost as the subsidy borne by State Government while balance cost is to be borne by the prospective beneficiary/entrepreneur.

5. *Eligibility for availing benefits under the scheme.*— (i) Only those beneficiaries permanent resident of Goa are entitled for the benefits under this scheme.

6. *Quantum of financial subsidy under the scheme.*— (i) The total amount of financial subsidy will be restricted to Rs. 40,00,000/- only, to promote 10 Nos. Biomass Briquetting Plants in the State of Goa.

(ii) This assistance shall be provided to the beneficiaries/entrepreneur directly at 25% of the rate under which the briquetting machinery is purchased in two stages namely 50% on delivery of the machine and 50% on successful operation for continuous for 06 months against the sale.

(iii) Government reserves the right to stop future grants and also modify the financial quantum, so also the conditions of the scheme, depending upon the budgetary provisions made. Government also reserves the right to sanction the grant to the Institution as well as hold in abeyance or suspend or cancel the scheme, at any point of time; and no claim or appeal or challenge shall lie with any authority or tribunal or court, in respect of this decision of the Government.

7. *Pattern of assistance of the scheme.*— (i) “The GEDA shall be entitled to Government grants based on the estimate approved by the Government in the Budget Estimate during that financial year” for the scheme and will be sanctioned as per the terms and conditions laid by the Government.

(ii) The grants shall be disbursed in two installments to the beneficiary concerned i.e. 50% on receipt of machinery in premises and 50% on 06 months of successful continuous operation and sale of products.

(iii) The entire amount of the subsidy of financial year i.e. months of April to March, should be utilized before the month of March of the subsequent year of grant and only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned. After ‘utilizing/refunding’ the sanctioned amount, Utilization Certificate should be furnished to the sanctioning authority as required under Form GFR-19A.

(iv) The account of the Grantee in respect of this grant should be audited by the Government approval Auditor/Chartered Accountant and such certificate shall be submitted alongwith report which is to be submitted for the claim being made for the subsequent year of grant. The accounts of the grants shall be maintained separately and properly from its normal activities and submitted as and when required who may, with prior approval of the Government, institute and conduct an audit with the assistance of the Directorate of Accounts, Government of Goa. The accounts shall be

open to the test check by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at his discretion.

(v) The audited statement of accounts showing the expenditure incurred by the Grantee from the grants should be furnished to the Government as soon as possible after the close of the financial year or on completion of six months for which the grant is sanctioned together with a certificate from the Auditor to the effect that the grants was utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

(vi) A performance-cum-achievement report specifying in detail the achievements made by the Grantee with the Government grants/ /amount sanctioned should be furnished to the Department of STE annually before the month of September of the subsequent year of grant.

(vii) The Grantee Institution must exercise reasonable economy, observe all financial proprietary and the financial rules as issued by the Government from time to time while incurring the expenditure.

(viii) In case of misutilization of grants, the amount so misutilized shall be recovered from the Grantee Institution, in a manner as decided by the Government and in terms of the provisions and in accordance to the law in force. The Government shall also initiate appropriate criminal proceedings against the perpetrators.

(ix) The amount remaining unspent out of this grant on or before the month of September of the subsequent year of grant, if not adjusted against subsequent sanctions, shall be refunded back to the Government Treasury by challan within 03 (three) months from the date of submission of report.

8. *Relaxation of the provisions of the scheme.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the clauses or conditions of this scheme in genuine case(s) for sanction of the grant.

9. *Interpretation of the provisions of this scheme.*— If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

10. *Redressal of grievances and dispute.*— Grievances or disputes if any, arising out of implementation of this scheme, shall be referred to the Secretary, NCES to Government who shall hear and decide such matters and the decision of the Secretary to the Government in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned:

Provided no grievance or dispute regarding the decision of the Government under clause 6(iii) above shall lie with any authority or tribunal or court, in respect of the decision.

11. This scheme has been issued with the administrative approval of the Government under No. 6111-F dated 01-07-2014 and concurrence of the Finance (Exp.)

Department vide their U. O. No. 2731-F dated 4-11-2014.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Levinson J. Martins, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (S&T).

Saligao, 28th November, 2014.

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Corrigendum

63/10/2013/STE-DIR/1004

Read: Order No. 63/10/2013/STE-DIR/953 dated 25-9-2014.

The pay scale of Lower Division Clerk shown at Srl. No. 2 in the table of the Order read in preamble shall be substituted to read as "PB-I, 5,200-20,200+1,900 G. P." instead of "PB-I, 5,200-20,200+2,400 G. P."

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Srinet Kothwale, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Env.).

Saligao, 13th October, 2014.

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