WHEREAS in pursuance of the designation of Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve for the total area 2619.92 KM², (Core Zone;1784.00 KM², Buffer Zone;835.92 KM²) declared vide Ministry’s letter No, No.J-22016/76/91-BR, dated 07.02.2000, and subsequently the revision of the total area of the KBR by inclusion of additional area of 311.20 KM², as Transition Zone vide Sikkim Government Gazette, Gangtok, Friday 4th June, 2010 No.243, and in compliance to the provisions contained in the sub-para (d), (f) and (g) of Sl.No.5 of the Ministry’s Letter No. J-22016/76/91-BR, Dated 18th August,2010, the State Government hereby constitutes the following Committees in accordance with the guidelines for the ensuring scientific management of the Biosphere Reserve.

I. STATE LEVEL BIOSPHERE RESERVE STEERING COMMITTEE

i) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Secretary Chairman

ii) Secretary, Development, Planning, Economic Reforms and North East Council Affairs Department Member

iii) Secretary, Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department Member

iv) Secretary, Tourism Member

v) Secretary, Rural Management & Development Department Member

vi) Representative from MoEF, Government of India Member

vii) Scientist In Charge of Botanical Survey of India (BSI) Member

viii) Scientist In charge of G.B.Pant Institute Member

ix) Programme Officer (WWF) Sikkim Member

x) Chief Wildlife Warden Member Secretary/Nodal Officer.

II. LOCAL LEVEL COMMITTEE/PROGRAMME COORDINATION COMMITTEE
i) Director (KBR)/ CF (Wildlife)/Joint Director (KBR)  Chairman

ii) President/ Representative from Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee (KCC) Yuksam, West Sikkim  Member

iii) President/ Representative from Mutanchi Lom Aal Shezum (MLAS) Dzongu, North Sikkim  Member

iv) Presidents of all Eco-Development Committees (EDCs) under KNP Division North and West District  Member

v) DFO (Territorial) N/E/S/W  Member

vi) DFO (Wildlife) N/E/S/W  Member

v) DFO (KBR/KNP)  Member Secretary

III. Director (KBR)

Whosoever may be the Director (KNP/KBR) posted or transferred by the State Government on recommendation of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Secretary Forests shall be designated as Director, Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve (KBR) in Sikkim.

State Level Steering committee shall be responsible for overall guidance, monitoring and evaluation of various activities, schemes and programmes of Biosphere Reserve undertaken by different agencies. This Committee shall critically examine the Management Action Plan (MAPs) and make appropriate recommendations to Central Government and other financing agencies as appropriate.

Local Level Committee/ Programme Coordination Committee shall be responsible for overall Planning, Co-ordination and effective implementation of the projects, programmes and schemes. This Committee should co-ordinate activities of various Departments and recommend suitable management interventions for incorporation in the management plans. This Committee also ensures the implementation of different work components in a participatory manner for sustainable development of socio-economic condition of the forest fringe villagers. The Committee should scrupulously ensure that in the event of a given component or activity being funded from more than one source, the territorial/ geographical locations should be different and clearly delineated, and stated in the proposal to avoid duplication. The responsibility for ensuring this will lie with the Field Director/ DFO (KNP/KBR) and his field staff.

The Director (KBR) will be the Chief Coordinator among various institutions, organizations, non governmental organizations, research institutions, Government Departments and individuals.

He will be responsible for issuing directives and instructions to the managers for the betterment of the Biosphere Reserve. As a Chairman of the Local Level Committee of the Biosphere Reserve, the Director (KBR)/CF(WL)/Joint Director (KNP/KBR) will convene and preside over all the Local Level Committee meetings and the DFO (KNP/KBR) as the Member Secretary of the Local Level Committee shall be responsible for organizing meetings at least once in a year in one District.


This Notification shall come into enforce in the State of Sikkim, immediately after publication in Sikkim Government Gazette Notification,

(S.T. LACHUNGPA,IFS)
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