

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Advertisement for filling up post of Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority

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The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is to fill up the post of Chairperson of the National Biodiversity Authority (Rashtriya Jaiv Vividhata Pradhikaran). The Authority was set up on October 1, 2003 through Gazette Notification No. 906 in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) and (4) of Section 8 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (18 of 2003). The Authority is a body corporate and its head office is at Chennai.

As per Rule 3(2) of the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024, the appointment of Chairperson shall be made either on deputation basis including short-term contract or by selection from outside the Government. In case, the appointment is through deputation from the Government or a short-term contract, the applicant shall not be below the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

As per Section 8(4)(a) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the Chairperson shall be an eminent person having adequate knowledge, expertise and experience in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and in matters relating to fair and equitable sharing of benefits. As per Section 10 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, the Chairperson shall be Chief Executive of the National Biological Authority and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed.

The Chairperson shall hold office for a term of 3 years from the date of publication of appointment and shall be eligible for the re-appointment, provided that no Chairperson shall hold office as such after he attains the age of sixty-five years or his term of office expires, whichever is earlier. In case of appointment of Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority from the Government on deputation or short term contract basis, the term of office shall be three years or till the date of superannuation, whichever is earlier.

As per Rule 5 of the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024, the Chairperson shall be entitled to a pay equivalent to that of a Secretary to the Government of India. In case a retired person is appointed as Chairperson, pay shall be fixed in accordance with the extant orders of the Central Government as applicable to such persons.

The candidates should hold at least a post-graduate degree, and have 30 years of experience in dealing with issues of science and social sciences, with at least 5 years of experience of working in the Central/ State Government at senior level including heading Government institutions. He must also have administrative experience and be well versed with current developments related to access and benefit sharing under various relevant international fora. Experience of working with different stakeholders in biodiversity, experience in participation in international negotiations, and an undertaking of legal issues shall be desirable.

The Government may on its own discretion relax one or more of the aforesaid requirements in case of applicant of outstanding ability.

Applications should be submitted online on the Ministry's website www.moef.gov.in on or before 28.02.2025 (midnight).

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