S.O 1147 (E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (4) of section 8 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (18 of 2003), the Central Government hereby establishes a body to be called the National Biodiversity Authority, on and from the 1st day of October, 2003 for the purposes of the said Act consisting of the following members, namely:-

Member appointed as Chairperson under clause (a) of sub-section (4) of section 8:

(1) Shri Vishwanath Anand Chairperson

Ex-officio members appointed under clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 8:

(2) Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(3) Additional Director General, (Forests), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of
(4) Joint Secretary to the Government of India dealing with the subject in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

*Ex-officio members appointed under clause (c) of sub-section (4) of section 8:*

(5) Joint Secretary to the Government of India dealing with the subject in the Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture.

(6) Joint Secretary to the Government of India dealing with the subject in the department of Biotechnology.

(7) Joint Secretary to the Government of India dealing with the subject in the Department of Ocean Development.

(8) Joint Secretary to the Government of India, dealing with the subject in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

(9) Joint Secretary to the Government of India dealing with the subject in the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.

(10) Joint Secretary to the Government of India, dealing with the subject in the Department of Science and Technology.
Joint Secretary to the Government of India dealing with the subject in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Non-official members appointed under clause (d) of sub-section (4) of section 8:

(12) Vacant.
(13) Vacant.
(14) Vacant.
(15) Vacant.
(16) Vacant.

2. The term of office of the members of the National Biodiversity Authority shall be for a period of three years from the 1st day of October, 2003:

Provided that the term of office of Shri Vishwanath Anand as Chairperson of the National Biodiversity Authority shall be upto the 14th July, 2004 or till a regular Chairperson is appointed whichever is earlier.

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