DO No.: BSI – 8/1/PA/2019

Dear Smt. Pandey,

I am furnishing herewith the following major achievements of Botanical Survey of India for the month of March, 2020 in reply to OM no. 24011/08/2019 – GC ctd. 25.03.2019 regarding monthly DO letter from Secretary (E & F) to the Cabinet Secretary.

Department: Botanical Survey of India (BSI)

1. **Important policy decisions taken, major achievements during the month:**
   Scientists of BSI conducted four botanical explorations (an ethnobotanical tour to Gaya & Nalanda districts, Bihar; Neora Valley NP, Darjeeling, WB; Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve, WB and a local algal trip in King and Prian Lakes of AJCB (BG) in different geographical regions of the country under various research projects and vouched 462 field numbers of plants specimens. Besides, scientists of BSI reported a herbarious species Didymocarpus bhiatusicus (Gesneriaceae) from the Eastern Himalayas this as a new record to the Indian flora.

   **Important events/meetings organized/attended by Director, BSI during the month:**
   BSI CRC, Allahabad and Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation (ICFRE) jointly organized a “National Workshop on Forestry Interventions in Eco-Rehabilitation” held at Allahabad on 3rd March, 2020. In addition, Dr. G.P. Sinha, Sci. ’F’ served as a resource person in the “Workshop on Collection and Identification of Lichens and Herbarium preparation” held at SRM University, Kattakada, Thrissur, Kerala. Dr. Avishhek Chattaraj, Sci. ’C’ served as a resource person in the “Workshop on Flora and non-flowering plants identification and Herbarium methodology” held at the Department of Botany, Gurudasa College, Kolkata on 26-27 February, 2020 and delivered a lecture on ‘Different kinds of name and nomenclatural types’.

   **Some important publications:**

2. **Important policy matter is held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultation:** NIL

3. **Compliance of COS decisions:** Nothing pending

4. **No. of cases of ‘Sanction for prosecution’ pending for more than 3 months:** NIL

5. **Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the government:** NIL

6. **Status of implementation of e-governance: MIS module is yet to be introduced in BSI**

7. **Details of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with:** NIL

8. **Status of Public grievances:**

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9. **Information on the specific steps taken by the ministry/department for utilization of the space technology based tools and applications in governance and development:** NIL

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

A. A. MAO