Dear Smt. Pandey,

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

Department: Botanical Survey of India

1. **Important policy decisions taken, major achievements during the month:**
   Scientists of BSI reported two novel plant species as new to the science viz. *Rivina andamanensis* (Petiveriaceae) from Andaman and Nicobar Islands and *Dillenia tirupatiensis* (Dilleniaceae) from the Eastern Ghats of India. Besides this, four plant species including three orchids viz. *Ipomoea parasitica* (Convolvulaceae); *Liparis pygmaea*, *Geodorum attenuatum* and *Peristylus constrictus* (Orchidaceae) were reported as new additions to various regions of India.

   **Important meetings / programmes / events organized / attended during the month**
   - Director, BSI, Chaired a VC meeting on Brain-storming session for Media Cell Nodal officers and HoC of BSI (on 4.9.2020).
   - Director, BSI, attended a VC meeting of the experts committee of the EK Janaki Ammal National Award, 2018 (on 18.09.2020).
   - Director, BSI attended VC meeting of the screening committee on Assistance to Botanic garden (ABG) (on 23.09.2020).
   - All the regional centres and units of BSI celebrated ‘World Ozone Day’ on 16th September 2020. On this occasion, a series of lectures were delivered. And also celebrated ‘Hindi Pakhwada’ during the month of September 2020. On this occasion, various competitions viz. Nibandh Pratijyogita, Prarthana patr lekan pratijyogita, samanya gyan prashnottari evam Hindi tankan pratijyogita' were organized to create awareness and promote the usage of Hindi in official procedures.

**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:** PFMS, CPGRAMS, e-Publications, GEM Portal, OJMS portal of Nelumbo etc., has already been implemented.
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,

Yours Sincerely,

07/10/2020

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