To conserve and sustainably use India’s biological resources and also to give effect to the provisions of the CBD, India enacted the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and notified the Biological Diversity Rules in 2004. To implement the above said Act, the Government of India established the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), in 2003, with its headquarters in Chennai. The functions of the NBA:

- **R**egulate access to biological resources and/or associated knowledge for undertaking certain activities
- **A**dvise the Government of India, on matters relating to conservation of biodiversity and its sustainable use
- **A**dvise the State Governments in selection of areas of biodiversity importance to be notified as heritage sites and suggests measures for their management
- **P**rovide guidance and technical support to Biodiversity Management Committees for documenting People’s Biodiversity Registers
- **T**ake any measures to oppose the grant of intellectual property rights in any country outside India for invention based on any biological resource or associated knowledge obtained from India, illegally.

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