PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Traditional Knowledge

Dear Traditional Knowledge holder(s),

The National Innovation Foundation (NIF) was established by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, in February 2000, as an autonomous society to recognize and promote unaided grassroots innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge (tk) of individuals/communities. This initiative shall help in reducing the erosion of knowledge, increase the social esteem of the grassroots innovators and knowledge providers and help India become an innovative society. NIF strives to obtain the written consent and authorization from all the innovators/knowledge providers to disclose and/or add value to the innovation/traditional knowledge submitted for inclusion in the National Register of Green Grassroots Technological Innovations and Traditional Knowledge. An explanatory note, describing the implications of various options given in the form, is enclosed along with this form to assist you to fill up the form. NIF assures full compliance with the conditions specified by you and any modification in these conditions will be taken up only after obtaining your written consent.

Reference No.: ____________________________

Name of the Knowledge holder(s): ____________________________ (Signature) 

Stamp of NIF

Title of Traditional Knowledge/herbal practice: ____________________________

Please tick the appropriate boxes

How did you come to know about the knowledge/practice:

a) elders [ ] b) by self [ ] c) family tradition [ ] d) community [ ]

If you have ticked box a, b or c, pl fill section A and if box d then please fill section B.

SECTION - A

A. Can NIF share your contact details with those interested in your tk/practice? [ ] [ ]

B. Can NIF display/publish your traditional knowledge on the Internet/in Honey Bee magazine or any other media? [ ] [ ]

C. If Yes, to what extent can NIF share your traditional knowledge?
   (a) Partial disclosure/summary [ ]
       OR
   (b) Full disclosure [ ]

D. Would you like NIF to pursue further research on your Traditional Knowledge (if applicable), if yes, pl specify ____________________________

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SECTION - B

A  Name of the community’s authorised leader (i) elected ____________________________
    (ii) traditional ____________________________

B  Can NIF share the address of the community with those interested?  Yes ☐ No ☐

C  Can NIF display/publish the traditional knowledge on the Internet/in Honey Bee magazine or any other media?  Yes ☐ No ☐

D  If Yes, to what extent can NIF share the traditional knowledge?
   (a)  Partial disclosure/summary ☐
   OR
   (b)  Full disclosure ☐

E  Whether the consent of local community has been taken while submitting the community traditional knowledge to NIF?  Yes ☐ No ☐

F  To what extent specific traditional knowledge/community knowledge is known and/or practiced within or among the concerned communities?
   a)  Known to few ☐ Known to many ☐ Known widely ☐
   b)  Practiced by few ☐ Practiced by many ☐ Practiced widely ☐

G  Has any improvement been done in the knowledge/practices of the community. Yes/No
   If YES, pl specify by whom?  Self ☐ Others ☐ Not aware ☐

H  Has the concerned community been informed of the improvements made in the TK belonging to them?  Yes ☐ No ☐

Declaration: I/We have read this Prior Informed Consent Form carefully and have understood the implications of various choices described in the explanatory note. I/We have voluntarily decided to select the option/options which I/we have ticked above for questions from A to F. I/We understand that if the Innovation/Idea provided to you is already well known and is in public domain, then neither the restrictions on its diffusion or application will apply nor the conditions of this form. I/We further assure NIF that all the information given here is true to the best of my/our knowledge, understanding and belief.

Name and Address of the Community/Traditional Knowledge Holder. ____________________________
Signature ____________________________

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