

BRAINSTORMING SESSION IN THE AREA OF 'PLANT TAXONOMY IN RELATION TO BIODIVERSITY'

The Department of Science and Technology is planning to organize a brainstorming session in the area of 'Plant Taxonomy in relation to Biodiversity' in order to review the state-of-the-art and to generate research proposals for possible funding. The proposed discussion will be in the areas of:

- ◆ Revisionary studies of important taxonomic groups.
- ◆ Taxonomic studies of wild relatives of economically important plants.
- ◆ Biosystematic studies using cytotaxonomical, chemotaxonomical and numerical approaches of selected taxonomic groups.
- ◆ Taxonomic studies of special groups such as mangroves, insectivorous plants, aquatic plants, epiphytes, etc.
- ◆ Resource inventorization of unexplored or underexplored regions, protected areas, fragile ecosystems and stress habitats including data on ethnobotanical, chemical and genetic traits using multidisciplinary approaches.
- ◆ Systematics of medicinal and horticultural plants of disputed taxonomy.

Interested scientists particularly in the age group of 30 to 40 years are invited to apply for participation in the brainstorming session. A pre-proposal on prescribed format should reach this Department by 15 July 1994. Formats may be obtained from Dr Parveen Farooqui, Director & Head (Life Sciences), Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016.