

CHAPTER - I

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent and commencement

- (1) This Act may be called the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- (2) It extends to the whole of India.
- (3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint:

Provided that different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and any reference in any such provision to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to the coming into force of that provision.