



**ORISSA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

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From

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Project Director &  
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To

All Members,  
Governing Body of  
Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS).

[Principal Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa,  
Special Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department,  
Secretary, Nature, Environment and Wild Life Society, Angul]

Sub: Tenth Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS - Proceedings.

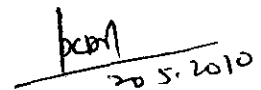
Ref: This office letter no.1333/OFSDP-110/2007, dated 12.05.2010.

Sir,

A copy of the approved proceedings of 10<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 under Chairmanship of Sri R.N. Senapati, IAS, APC & Chairperson of OFSDS Governing Body is enclosed herewith.

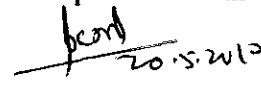
The receipt of the approved proceedings may be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully

  
Project Director & Member Secretary,  
Governing Body, OFSDS

**Encl: As Above.**

Copy forwarded along with a copy of the approved Proceedings of 10<sup>th</sup> Governing Body of OFSDS to P.S. to Agriculture Production Commissioner, Orissa for kind information of the Agriculture Production Commissioner and Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS.

  
Project Director & Member Secretary,  
Governing Body, OFSDS

Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at 16.00hrs. in the Chamber of APC, Rajiv Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.

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Tenth meeting of the Governing Body of the Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and was chaired by Sri R.N. Senapati, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Chairperson of the Governing Body of the Society.

The list of members present is at *Annexure-'A'*.

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed all the members and special invitees to the meeting and requested the Project Director and Member Secretary to initiate the discussion. The Project Director introduced the members and special invitees and initiated the discussions.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were discussed:

**Agenda Item No.1: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the General Body:**

The Project Director informed that the proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body, held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 was sent to all Members vide letter No.2473/OFSDP-110/2007 dated 30.09.2009. Since no comments have been received, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

**Agenda Item No.2: Action taken on the decisions at the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body:**

**(i) Operational Manual :**

The Project Director informed that the Operational Manual was approved by the High Power Committee in its meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, with the observation that 'in case of any discrepancy in Performance Appraisal System (Annual CCR) for officers on deputation to the Project (Para 2.12), the GA Department guidelines shall prevail'. Accordingly the Operational Manual has been corrected, printed and sent to all concerned.

**(ii) Revision of remuneration of personnel deployed through Service Provider :**

The Project Director informed that the approved enhanced remuneration of personnel deployed through Service Provider has already been implemented.



**Agenda Item No.3: Review of Progress of Project Activities:****(a) Reforestation :**

The Project Director informed that against the target of 1,38,000 ha of ANR, about 78,000 ha have been achieved up to the year 2009-10 and is in progress over 48,000 ha. and will be planted during forthcoming monsoon in 764, 3<sup>rd</sup> batch JFM sites. Similarly, against the Project target for Block Plantations of 39,650 ha, 10,189 ha have been achieved till 2009-10, and work is in progress over an area of 19000 ha. The Project Director also mentioned that there is a shortfall about 210 VSSs for which selection process has already been started. The matter has also been discussed with JICA India informally. Under Artificial Regeneration (Teak Plantation) the project target is 19000 ha, against which 3,160 ha have been planted up to 2009-10 and 6370 ha. are to be planted during ensuing plantation season. Thus, there is a shortfall under this component. The DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs have been instructed to select adequate areas for meeting the Project target during the next year. The Project Director also apprised that in some places it is difficult to find suitable areas for plantation because of the Tribal Rights Act. He cited the example of Kandhamal, where the Collector has issued a letter not to take up plantations till the Rights are finally settled. It was decided that the matter should be taken up with the Collector, Kandhamal so that time bound project works do not suffer.

**(b) Biodiversity Conservation :**

A frame work for Eco-development including Community-Based Eco-tourism and its application with Satkosia Gorge Sanctuary have already been prepared and EDC micro plan seeking community participation in eco-development and conservation of protected areas have been prepared in 12 EDCs, and in remaining 7 Micro Planning is in progress. Thus the activities under the project are aiming at getting community support for enhancing production and conservation efforts. He informed that the Eco-development works and Habitat Management activities are being taken up from other funds e.g. Project Tiger, Elephant Management Programme, CAMPA, and State Elephant Management Plan, as per the approved Management Plan. It was decided that PMU will evolve action plan for utilizing the project funds for improving habitat and mitigating man animal conflict in consultation with PCCF Wild Life.



Project Director apprised that 4 sites have already been identified for Eco-Tourism Development – 2 in Satkosia – where works are in progress, and one each in Lakheri Sanctuary, and Balasore WL Division (Bichitrapur natural mangroves) where action plans is under preparation. Construction of Eco-lodges at Chhotkai in Satkosia WL Division is under progress. One, 'day nature visitor center' at Goindi has been established and is being managed by Goindi Eco Tourism Group formed in Goindi EDC.

After a preliminary feasibility analysis, preparation of a detailed action plan along with detailed land use map is under preparation for a conservation/ community reserve (Elephant corridor connecting Kuldiha and Hadgarh Sancturies) as a strategy to mitigate man-animal conflict. Work is also under progress for evolving an action plan for natural bio-diversity heritage sites at "Mandargiri" in Angul Division. Pradhanpat in Deogarh Division is also identified for the same purpose. One site, namely Gupteswar, in Jeypore Division, was shortlisted and planning was initiated but has to be put on hold due to local disturbance. Project Director informed that two experts in this field with General Consultants to the Project are providing technical and managerial assistance and support.

It was decided that the comprehensive planning should be done with the help of experts for ensuring scientific documentation and management of the area with clear objective.

(c) *Community empowerment and Community Development :*

Project Director informed that VSS Office-cum-Meeting Halls are being constructed in each VSS/EDC along with creation of community assets from funds under EPA. These assets include drinking water facilities, bathing enclosures for ladies, supply of solar lights, spot lights, weighing balance, water harvesting structures, KB pump, community agriculture equipment, renovation of pond and pisciculture etc. Efforts are continuing to make the VSS meeting halls function as Village Resource Centre. He also informed that the a village educated youth is engaged as an 'Animator' by each VSS on a monthly honorarium of Rs.750/-, who serves as the link between the VSS and Forest Department and also helps the Member Secretary in maintenance of records. Capacity Building of the Animators is also being done by the Project.

(d) *Income Generation Activities (IGA) :*

The Project Director apprised the members that the project has a provision for funding 2 SHGs for VSS on an average for taking up Income Generation Activities through the 'Revolving

Fund' of Rupees one lakh provided to each VSS. So far Rs.1700 SHGs have already been linked up with an average loan of Rs.15000/- through pilot IGAs. A detailed Market Study has been carried out through 'Livelihood Opportunity Analysis' and 'Value Chain Analysis' during which 20 potential IGAs have been identified along with their business plans. IGA support agencies have been short listed to provide support/services for cluster based and focused IGAs.

(e) *Livelihood Improvement :*

The Project Director informed that the project is making efforts for mainstreaming health care in the project VSSs through NRHM. The ACS-cum-DC has already issued instructions to NRHM for prioritizing villages under OFSDP and OTELP to maximize the benefits to the community in these Projects. Meetings with Commissioner-cum-Secretary Health and Director NRHM were held at which it was agreed for undertaking Malaria prevention activities in Project villages on priority through convergence with NRHM and NVBDCP. Apart from this, First Aid kits have been provided to several VSSs in Rayagada Forest Division. Indigenous fuel efficient smokeless chullas have been provided in several VSSs of Deogarh and Angul, Balliguda, Jeypore, Koraput, Rayagada and Rourkela Divisions.

(f) *Capacity Building :*

The Project Director apprised the members during the current year (2010-11) 4 refresher training programmes on "Need Based SMC in forest Area" were organized for front line officers at Rayagada, G.Udaygiri, Talcher and Rourkela. A Team of 5 officers visited Andamans for studying management of mangroves and another team of 5 officers visited Gorumara National Park and Jaldapara Sanctuary in West Bengal for studying Ecotourism and alternate livelihood improvement programmes for communities around protected areas.

(g) *Independent 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Verification :*

The Project Director informed that in pursuance to the decision of the Governing Body, second round of third party verification of the assets created under the project is under progress



(h) *Publicity and Awareness :*

The Project Director informed that quarterly news letters are being regularly brought out in Oriya and English. The project website [www.ofsdp.org](http://www.ofsdp.org) is being maintained regularly. Several IEC materials in the shape of Hand Books, Booklets, Flip Chats, Posters, and Brochures are being published on regular basis.

**Agenda Item No.4: Annual Action Plan & Budget for the year 2010-11:**

The Project Director placed the Annual Action Plan along with the Budget for the Financial Year 2010-11 before the members for their approval. The Project Director apprised that the total budget estimate for the year 2010-11 is Rs.1400 Millions. The Chairperson advised that all efforts should be made to utilize budgeted amount.

The Governing Body approved the Annual Action Plan along with the Budget for the Financial Year 2010-11.

**Agenda Item No.5: Engagement of Internal Auditors for 2010-11 & 2011-12:**

The Project Director informed that as per approval of the Governing Body M/s Patra & Co., Chartered Accountants, Bhubaneswar have taken up inter audits of the accounts of the Society for two year i.e. 2008-09 and 2009-10.

M/s Patra & Co., Chartered Accountants have offered to carry out internal audit and provide other professional services for the Financial Years 2010-11 and 2011-12 at the same professional fees and terms & conditions. The existing professional fees for the year 2009-10 was Rs.5,18,000/-.

The Project Director requested that the Governing Body may kindly approve the continuance of M/s Patra & Co for internal audit of the Society for the Financial Year 2010-11 and 2011-12 at the rate of Rs.5,18,000/- for each year.

The Governing Body considered the proposal and approved the same.

**Agenda Item No.6: Engagement of Project Extension Officers:**

The Project Director apprised that for smooth implementation of various activities at FMU level, the Project Memorandum provides for 3 VFWs in each FMU. Accordingly, 108 VFWs were redeployed from non-project divisions. However, consequent to the merger of the Cadre of VFWs



with that of foresters (F&E Department Notification No.2330 dt.10.02.2009) VFWs are re-designated as Foresters, and surplus Foresters in the Project Divisions who are exclusively looking after the project works have been designated as Forester (Project) (Memo No.3385 dt.2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009 of PCCF, Orissa addressed to all CFs)

The Project Director apprised that in 5 divisions i.e., Phulbani, Parlakhemundi, Balliguda, Deogarh and Bonai against the project requirement of 96 VFWs / VFW equivalent, only 48 Forester (Project) are in position. Thus, there is a huge shortfall. He proposed that against this, retired Foresters or +2 pass persons with minimum 3 years experience in extension work in any Agriculture/Forestry project may be engaged as Project Extension Officer at the FMU level.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that first the PCCF / Forest and Environment, Department be apprised of the situation and requested for posting persons for implementing the time bound project, failing which retired foresters may be engaged.

**Agenda Item No.7: Draft Annual Report of OFSDS for the year 2008-09:**

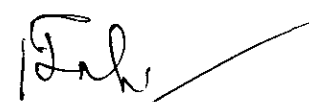
The Annual Report for the year 2008-09, including Statement of Accounts prepared by the Internal Auditors was placed before the members. The report was approved for printing as "Annual Activity Report of OFSDP".

**Agenda Item No.8: Any other matter with permission of the Chair:**

The PCCF (Wildlife) brought to the notice of the members that about Rs.60 lakhs has been provided in the Project for extension of OFD building. Project Director informed that in view of an earlier decision, the decision for construction is held up.

It was decided that the PCCF, Orissa may be requested for construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan as provided for in the Project. If this is not agreed to, then project fund should be utilized for construction of a Good Conference Hall on the top floor of the building where the OFSDP is functioning now.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(R.N. SENAPATI, IAS)  
Agriculture Production Commissioner &  
Chairperson of the Governing Body, OFSDS.

## ANNEXURE – 'A'

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

S.No	Name	Address	Designation
1.	Shri R.N. Senapati, IAS	Agriculture Production Commissioner, and Vice President, OFSDS	Chairperson
2.	Shri P. N. Padhi, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Orissa	Member
3.	Shri B.P. Singh, IFS	Special Secretary, F&E Department, Govt. of Orissa	Member
4.	Sri D. Swain, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forest O/O PCCF Orissa.	Representative of PCCF, Orissa
5.	Shri P.K. Behera	Chief Functionary/ Secretary NEWS, Angul	Member
6.	Shri A. K. Bansal, IFS	Project Director, OFSDP	Member-Secretary
<b>SPECIAL INVITEES :</b>			
1.	Mr. M.G. Gogate, IFS (Rtd.)	Team Leader, General Consultants.	Spl. Invitee
2.	Shri D. Biswal, IFS	Jt. Project Director (IME), OFSDP	Spl. Invitee
3.	Shri R. N. Sahoo, IFS	Jt. Project Director(A&F), OFSDP	Spl. Invitee
4.	Shri Rajiv Kumar, IFS	Jt. Project Director(HRD&R), OFSDP	Spl. Invitee