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From

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To

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

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Orissa.  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa,  
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Sub: Twelfth Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS - Proceedings.

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Sir,

A copy of the approved proceedings of 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2011 under Chairmanship of Sri R.N.Senapati, IAS, Agricultural Production Commissioner & 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 along with a copy of the approved proceedings of 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Body of OFSDS forwarded 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

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**Proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 at 11.00 AM in the chamber of Agriculture Production Commissioner, Orissa, Bhubaneswar**

Twelfth meeting of the Governing Body of the Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 and was chaired by Sri R. N. Senapati, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Chairperson of the Governing Body.

The list of the 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 following agenda items were discussed:

**i. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

Project Director informed that approved proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 were sent to the members vide PMU's letter no 3523/OFSDP-110/07 dated 20.12.2010. No comments were received.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

**ii. Compliance to the decisions of the last meeting of the Governing Body:**

**a. Construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan:**

Project Director informed the committee that as per the decision in the last meeting, Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation was requested to examine the feasibility to construct a conference hall on the second floor of the PMU building. However after examining the detailed structure they opined that the building column is not strong enough to support the conference hall on the second floor. In view of the above, Committee members were requested to review the proposal for construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan. *It was decided that IDCO would be moved to examine the feasibility of construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan.* Chairperson further suggested that IDCO may be requested for design and estimate covering all aspects of requirements of the additional 5<sup>th</sup> floor with proposals of one seminar hall and small rooms for meetings/ group discussions etc with the provision of a lift in the building. This should be completed within two months. On receipt of the feasibility report, funds should be placed with IDCO for completing the job within one year.

**b. Casuarina Plantation in vacant land:**

Project Director informed that Balasore DFO has identified 25 ha of vacant area for Casuarina plantation to be taken during 2011-12. The approved harvesting scheme of casuarinas is for 918.097 ha in Balasore (WL) Division and 19.3 ha in Bhadrak (WL) Division over two years. To compensate for the shortfall in casuarina plantation, it was decided to replant the harvested area after harvesting every year.

c. *Holistic development of sacred groves including all the stakeholders:*

Project Director gave a briefing on the OFSDP guidelines on the subject issued to all the DMUs for conservation of biodiversity in the Sacred Groves through Sacred Grove Conservation Committees. It was decided that emphasis would be given on documentation, enrichment and conservation of biodiversity only. No new construction would be taken up in the sacred grove and the existing community initiation would not be intermixed by any intervention.

d. *Linkage of another 1,000 SHGs by June 2011:*

Project Director informed that by end of March 2011, about 2906 SHGs, 37 CIGs and 47 individuals have been linked through 3947 loans from 'VSS Revolving Fund' provided to each VSS/EDC @ of Rs.1 lakh and more is under progress. Status in December, 2010 was for 2000 SHG with 2700 loans. The Project officials were requested to achieve the entire target within the Project period.

e. *Separate audit reports on the account of OFSDS for the FY. 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10 by CAG :*

Project Director placed the status on the account of OFSDS for the FY. 2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09 submitted to the Govt. in Forest & Environment Department for placing the same before Orissa Legislative Assembly. Further, the CAG has audited the accounts of OFSDS for the financial year 2009-10. The compliance on the observation made by the CAG has already been submitted and SAR is awaited. It was decided that the audit of the project account for the FY 2010-11 by CAG would be completed by Dec, 2011.

f. *Organizing meetings of District Advisory Committee at regular interval:*

Project Director briefed about the action taken for holding the District Advisory Committee meetings at regular intervals as well as the number of such meetings conducted after the last meeting of GB. It was decided that the defaulting DMU Chiefs would be asked to explain for not convening the same at regular intervals from January 2011 in spite of instructions.

g. *Alternative action plan for utilization of balance fund:*

Project Director informed the committee that at the present level of progress, it can be expected that there would be an unutilized balance of about ₹ 75 crores by March 2013. Further an amount of ₹ 185 crores of JICA loan would be available on savings against the appreciating Japanese currency.

His proposals for extension of the project period by two years for undertaking maintenance & consolidation activities of project components taken upto 2010-11 and to be taken up in 2011-12 in achieving the full project targets by utilizing full projected amount in rupees terms was discussed. After detailed discussion, it was decided that JICA would be moved for extension of the project for a period of 2 years, for expenditure of the expected unutilized fund by end of March 2013 to the tune of ₹75 cr.

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The Project Director further suggested that an additional project proposal for dynamic developmental activities will have to be made for utilizing the remaining ₹ 185 crores of JICA loan on account of exchange rate finalization. *It was decided that the Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment will take a meeting of the Project Director, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa & Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL), Orissa to work out the course of action.*

The Governing Body thereafter reviewed the progress upto 2010-11 and the action plan for 2011-12 on circulated agenda notes.

**Agenda item # 1. Review of Progress of Project Activities:**

The Project Director highlighted the Progress of Project Activities which are as follows:

*Reforestation:*

Total reforestation interventions, up to last year, through 2022 VSSs is 1, 61,130 ha comprising 1, 30,053 ha. of ANR, and 31,078 ha. of Block Plantations (5963 ha. of Economic, 6896 ha. of Fuel & Fodder, 2025 ha. of Bamboo, and 16194 ha. of NTFP). Similarly, AR Teak Plantations has been raised over 8819 ha departmentally, and total achievement under the Coastal Plantation Component is 2006 ha. of Mangrove and 67 ha. of Casuarina.

The process for DGPS survey & mapping and Preparation of Micro Plans for implementation in 2011-12 by the 238 VSS & 3 EDCs in 4th batch is almost over. Earlier upto 2010-11, 2022 VSSs and 39 EDCs have been covered.

*Bio-diversity Management:*

The Project Director mentioned that, Eco-cottages are under construction in Chhotkei in Purunakote Cluster of Satkosia WL Division. A day visit center has been developed at Goindi in Satkosia WL Division for reducing the pressure on the core area.

A proposal prepared for declaring Kuldiha-Hadgarh-Similipal Elephant Corridor as a 'Conservation Reserve' has been sent to the Government through the PCCF (WL) for consideration. Similarly, a proposal for declaring Mandargiri area in Angul as 'Bio-diversity Heritage site' has been prepared and submitted to the State Biodiversity Board for consideration. An action plan for Eco-tourism destination Development around mangroves has been prepared for Bichitrapur in Balasore Wildlife Division, and to start with, a day visit center at Khadibil would be funded. The Project has also facilitated the formulation of the draft Ecotourism Policy for the State, which has been submitted by the PCCF (WL) to the Forest and Environment Department for government orders

*Community/Tribal development:*

a. Entry Point Activities:

The Project Director informed that under Entry Point Activities, emphasis has been given on creation of assets which will address the basic human needs and also will provide an

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opportunity for income generation to the community. Some of the key activities taken up under EPA are: drinking water facilities, water harvesting structure, renovation of ponds, bathing enclosures for women, solar lights, spot lights, renovation in school, weighing balance, radio, tent house utensils, KB pumps, community agriculture equipment etc.

b. Income Generation Activities:

The Project Director said that, the basic approach of the Project is to promote demand driven IGA. About 2906 SHGs, 37 CIGs and 47 individuals have been linked through 3947 loans from 'VSS Revolving Fund' provided to each VSS/EDC @ Rs.1 lakh. A total amount of Rs. 72 million has been loaned out with the average loan size being Rs. 18000/-. The project has also carried out market research by a specialized Agency for suggesting area based IGA, based on a comprehensive Livelihood Opportunity Analysis (LoA) and Value Chain Analysis (VCA). The Income Generation Support Agencies (IGASA) are in place for hand holding, capacity building, cluster formation, value addition and market linkage, as the Project now is embarking upon focused IGAs.

c. Livelihood Improvement:

The PD appraised that, Health Camps and Cattle Immunization Camps have been organized. 9667 Indigenous Fuel Efficient Smokeless Chullahs have been installed in 137 VSSs in 11 DMUs. Steps have been taken to mainstream health care in the project villages through convergence with NRHM. Gaon Kalyan Samities have been formed covering 1383 VSSs. 77,164 insecticide treated mosquito net (LLIN) have been distributed in 670 VSSs, and 394 VSS Animators have been trained as Fever Treatment Deports (FTDs) in collaboration with the NRHM and NVBDCP. 622 Project VSSs have been covered through NRHM interventions such as, village sanitation, Reproductive & Child healthcare camps, Immunization trainings, monetary help to cancer patients etc.

d. Capacity Building:

The Project Director said that, the Project is continuing focused capacity development programmes for the forest officials and the VSS/SHG members and trainings are organized for all the stake holders i.e. VSS Members, Animators, SHG Members, and Forest Staff on a regular basis. 2 lakh person-days training effort have been put in by the divisions, and about 1900 person-days' training has been organized at the PMU level through 79 National/International Trainings.

*Research:*

The Project Director informed that, a 'Nakshatra Van' has been established in the campus of the State Silviculturist, Bhubaneswar where 27 species relating to respective Nakshatras has been planted in a specified design with the aim for awareness and bonding of people with tree species. The following research activities have been undertaken last year:

1. Use of 'Fly Ash in Forestry' particularly in raising nurseries in Angul Division in collaboration with Institute of Materials and Metals Technology, Bhubaneswar and funding by the DST Government of India.

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2. Study on "Impact of ANR practices on Bio- diversity" through M/s CTRAN Consulting Pvt. Ltd, Bhubaneswar in Project Divisions. The basic objective of the study is to gauge the impact of ANR treatments taken up under different programmes/ schemes in Orissa on the forest composition, structure, biodiversity and livelihood augmentations.
  3. Two research studies namely "Indigenous traditional knowledge of Paudi Bhuyans in Orissa" and "Protection and Conservation of Sacred Groves in Sundergarh Distt" are being taken up, through DFO Bonai Division.
  4. Research study has been initiated for crab rearing, fattening and fish rearing in the mangrove areas in Bhadrak (WL) Division under the technical supervision of Dr. D. Satpathy, Professor in aquaculture, College of fisheries, OUAT, Berhampur in order to develop a protocol to improve the livelihood of the villagers.
  5. Study on "JFM implementation models in Orissa" with an objective to analyze the impact of such projects/schemes on the local ecological, economical, social and livelihoods and to suggest policy and implementation strategies for enhancing efficiency of JFM in terms of participatory forest governance, sustainable forest management and equitable community gainshas already been completed through M/s Amity School of Natural Resources & Sustainable Management, Noida.

#### *Monitoring & Evaluation:*

The Project Director informed that, in pursuance of the decision of the Governing Body, the 2nd round of Independent Third Party Verification of Assets created under the project has been completed in 2010-11. The final report is awaited. The project is also in the process of Grounding MIS Based reporting system covering various activities in the project. The MIS Booklets are being filled up at the VSS level. Training for software operation and installation has been completed in the DMUs. It is in the process of being operationalised. The Household Level Socio-Economic Baseline Survey Phase-II is under Progress. Mid-term internal evaluation of the Project in 2010-11 is complete. The final report is awaited

#### *Publications:*

Quarterly Newsletters are being regularly brought out both in English and Oriya. The Project website: [www.ofsdp.org](http://www.ofsdp.org) is being maintained and updated regularly. The following publications have been brought out this year:

- a) Annual plan 2010-11.
- b) OFSDS Operational Manual.
- c) Annual Activity Report 2008-09.
- d) A Booklet on 'Sameekshya-2009' ( English & Oriya)
- e) Institutional Mechanism for Project implementation – OFSDP Experience
- f) A Book Titled- 'Technical Manual for Restoration of Mangroves'.
- g) A book titled "Wild Watch" - proceedings of the workshop on "Effective Prevention & Prosecution of Wild Life Crimes.
- h) A Brochure on 'Crab Culture & Fattening'.
- i) Annual Activity Report 2009-10.
- j) Institutional Strengthening- performance assessment of 2nd Batch VSSs.

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*Project review by JICA & MoEF:*

It was apprised that the Project activities are being reviewed regularly by MoEF and JICA, India. A two member JICA review mission visited the Project from 10th to 13th November 2010. The mission visited Project Activities in Satkosia WL Division and Angul Forest Division and interacted with the EDC and VSS members as well as with the field officers. A detailed review was taken up at PMU on 12th November 2010. The mission members also called on the Chief Secretary & President of the Society, APC & Chairperson of the Governing Body, and the Principal Secretary Forest and Environment Department. The Mission members expressed satisfaction on the implementation of the project and advised/requested for working out details for utilizing the loan amount within the period stipulated for loan disbursement.

Two review meetings were held by MoEF, New Delhi on 18th June, 2010 and 28th February, 2011 to review the progress of the Project activities. The officers of MoEF and representatives of JICA, India were present during the meeting. The MoEF expressed its satisfaction on the overall progress of the Project.

*Exposure visits by Officers of other JICA assisted Forestry Projects to OFSDP:*

Officers from Rajasthan JICA Forestry Project, led by their Project Director, visited PMU to learn about the OFSDP Project Activities, on 22nd to 25th July, 2010. 18 Forest Officials from Gujarat JICA Project came on an 'Exposure Visit' to OFSDP from 24th to 29th November, 2010. Similarly, 32 Forest Officers of JICA Project, Uttar Pradesh, Forest Department, led by their Chief Project Director, came on an Exposure Visit to OFSDP, and made field visit from 8th January, 2011 to 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. All the teams praised the activities and initiatives undertaken under OFSDP.

The project's physical achievements upto 2010-11 on reforestation and livelihood presented before the Governing Body in percentage terms are tabulated below:

Sl no.	Activity	Project target	Achievements upto 2010-11	Achievement/Progress upto 2010-11 in percentage
1	2	3	4	5
I	Reforestation of degraded forests (in JFM mode and non- JFM mode over 1,96,650 ha in 11 Divisions)			
	(i) ANR	1,38,000 ha	1,30,053 ha	94.24%
	(ii) Block Plantation	39,650 ha	31,078 ha	78.38%
	(iii) Artificial regeneration	19,000 ha	8,819 ha	46.42%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,96,650 ha</b>	<b>1,69,950 ha</b>	<b>86.42%</b>
II	Coastal Plantations (2,810 ha in 2 Divisions)			
	(i) Mangroves		2,006 ha	
	(ii) Casuaraina		67 ha	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,810 ha</b>	<b>2,073 ha</b>	<b>73.77%</b>

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III	Biodiversity management			
	(i) Eco-tourism development	5 sites	2 sites	40%
	(ii) Community Reserves/ Heritage sites	5 sites	2 sites (Proposed to Govt)	
IV	Community tribal development activities			
	(i) Formation of VSS	2,275	2,061	90.59%
	(ii) SHG	4,550	2906 + 37 CIG & 47 ind.	65.71%

**Agenda item # 2. Annual action plan of the project and Budget of OFSDS for the year 2011-12:**

The Annual action plan of the project and Budget of OFSDS for the year 2011-12 were placed before the Governing Body for ₹ 100 crore. The budget abstract for the year 2011-12 is enclosed at "Annexure-B". Action plan proposals of 2011-12 for achievements to be made on physically monitor able project targets are tabulated below.

Sl no.	Activity	Project target	Achievements upto 2010-11	Achievement to be made during 2011-12	Total achievement to be made upto 11-12	Total progress to be made upto 2011-12 in % terms
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I	Reforestation of degraded forests (in JFM mode and non- JFM mode over 1,96,650 ha in 11 Divisions)					
	(i) ANR	1,38,000 ha	1,30,053 ha	16,458 ha	1,46,511 ha	106.17%
	(ii) Block Plantation	39,650 ha	31,078 ha	6,071 ha	37,149 ha	93.69%
	(iii) Artificial regeneration	19,000 ha	8,819 ha	2,715 ha	11,574 ha	60.70%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,96,650 ha</b>	<b>1,69,950 ha</b>	<b>25,244 ha</b>	<b>1,95,194 ha</b>	<b>99.25%</b>
II	Coastal Plantations (2,810 ha in 2 Divisions)					
	(i) Mangroves		2,006 ha	525 ha	2,531 ha	
	(ii) Casuaraina		67 ha	25 ha	92 ha	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,810 ha</b>	<b>2,073 ha</b>	<b>600 ha</b>	<b>2,623 ha</b>	<b>93.34%</b>
III	Biodiversity management					
	(i) Eco-tourism development	5 sites	2 sites	3 sites	5 sites	100%
	(ii) Community Reserves/ Heritage sites	5 sites	2 sites (Proposed)	3 sites + 10 sacred groves sites in each of 11 Div.	5 sites +	100% +
IV	Community tribal development activities					
	(i) Formation of VSS	2,275	2,061	241	2302	101.18%
	(ii) SHG	4,550	2906 + 37 CIG & 47 individuals	1698	4604	103.03%



The Governing Body approved the action plan of 2011-12 and the budget of ₹ 100 crores and made following directions for 2011-12 :

- (i) Installation of smokeless fuel efficient chullahs promoted till 2010-11 in project divisions be made multifold for all VSSs through saturation within a VSS and then within a Range and Division. Impact on saving of fuel wood by village and on fuelwood extraction from forest also be studied.
- (ii) Project would conduct training programmes with demonstration in non project Divisions for the staff and VSS members. Fund requirements on this account would be met from available schemes and additionally if any with government approvals.
- (iii) The action plan proposals of 2011-12 approved for ₹ 100 crores now are to be revised and brought up for higher achievements with additional budget allocations of at least ₹ 10 crores from Governing Body for 2011-12 from the unutilized amount of project up to 2010-11.
- (iv) Project shall undertake analysis of available blank areas under working plans & notified forest blocks of project divisions for artificial regeneration with indigenous economic species like Bija, Mahogany, Gambhar, Red sanders, Rosewood & others in place of teak only to make up for the shortfall under the AR Teak component during 2011-12 & beyond. Old Teak plantations which have been hacked may be tended properly along with SMC measures, in order to address this shortfall.
- (v) Replanting of old casuarinas plantations of Balasore and Bhadrak Divisions be taken up immediately on harvest.
- (vi) Project should lay emphasis on implementation of farm forestry component as the progress has been slow.
- (vii) Where similar programmes from other schemes are implemented in the Project Divisions, saturation or maximization of OFSDP programmes on targeted areas shall be given priority. Simultaneously, capabilities of Forest Divisions shall be seen for assigning targets under all programmes.

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



(R.N.SENAPATI, IAS)

Agriculture Production Commissioner &  
Chairperson of the Governing Body, OFSDS

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## ANNEXURE- 'B'

**OFSDP BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR 2011-12**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Million Rs.</b>
Preparatory Work	26.82
Strengthening of Executing Body	15.04
Capacity Building of VSSs	24.49
Community/Tribal Development	93.10
Biodiversity Conservation	46.74
Forest Management under JFM Mode	362.21
Forest Management under Non-JFM Mode	118.30
Farm Forestry Development	2.07
Infrastructure Development	15.22
Forest Research	4.97
Publicity and Communication	0.56
Monitoring and Evaluation	11.15
Price escalation +Physical Contingency	12.10
Total (Excluding consultancy)	<b>732.76</b>
Consulting services including contingency	<b>28.0</b>
<b>Total JBIC Loan</b>	<b>760.76</b>
<b>NON ELIGIBLE PORTION</b>	
Administration cost	198.38
Taxes	18.85
<b>Govt. Share</b>	<b>217.23</b>
Interest during construction	25.85
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1003.84 or, 100 Crores</b>