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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: 13th Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS-Proceedings.

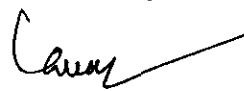
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Sir,

A copy of the approved proceedings of 13th Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS held on 28th October, 2011 under chairmanship of Sri R.N. Senapati, IAS, Agriculture 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 13th 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, OFSDS.


Project Director & Member Secretary,
Governing Body, OFSDS

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Proceedings of the 13th Meeting of the Governing Body of Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society, held on 28th October 2011 at 4.00 PM in the Conference Hall of Rajiv Bhawan, Orissa, Bhubaneswar

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The thirteenth meeting of the Governing Body of the Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held on 28th October 2011 under the chairmanship of Sri R.N. Senapati, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Chairperson OFSDS, Governing Body.

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 discussions.

The following agenda items were discussed.

1. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 12th meeting:

Project Director informed that the approved proceedings of the 12th meeting of the Governing Body held on 3rd June 2011 were sent to the members in PMU's letter no 2096/OFSDP-110 (Vol-II) /07 dated 29.6.2011. No comments were received.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Compliance to the decisions of the last meeting of the Governing Body:

a. Construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan:

Project Director informed that as per the decision in the last meeting, Orissa Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) was requested to examine the feasibility of construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan. Accordingly IDCO was requested to provide design and estimates for an additional 5th floor having one seminar hall, rooms for meetings/ group discussions and GIS lab etc with the provision for a lift in the building. Accordingly the IDCO has inspected the building and has completed the Plan and Design for the 5th floor of Aranya Bhawan. The rough cost estimates have been submitted by IDCO, for Rs. 3.0 Crore. Project Director also informed that Rs 63.00 lakh is available under the existing project outlay for extension of the Aranya Bhawan. Further a provision for additional 2.5 Crore have been proposed in the Savings Utilization Plan, which is to be finally approved by JICA.

After detailed discussions, the Governing Body in principle approved the construction of one more floor at Aranya Bhawan and the work will be initiated after JICA gives the final approval for an additional provisions.

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b. Casuarina Plantation in vacant land:

Project Director informed that, DFO, Balasore has taken up Casuarina plantations in 10 ha of vacant land and 15 ha in the harvested area during 2011-12. The replanting of the harvested area based on the approved harvesting scheme will be taken up in 2012-13 and 2013-14 over 900 ha in Balasore (WL) Division and 19.3 ha in Bhadrak (WL) Division, and target of 470 ha for 2012-13 has been communicated to DMU Chiefs.

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

Project Director briefed the members that, based on the detailed guidelines issued for conservation of biodiversity of Sacred Groves, ten such Groves per division are targeted in the first phase. Accordingly DMUs Angul, Bonai, Balliguda, Deogarh, Jeypore, Keonjhar, Koraput, Phulbani, Paralekhemundi, Rayagada and Rourkela have selected 75 sites till September 2011 and funds for documentation and conservation of these sites are being released to the DMUs.

d. Linkage of SHGs by June 2011:

Project Director informed that by August 2011, about 3407 SHGs, 40 CIGs and 46 individuals have been linked through 4701 loans and VSSs/EDCs have been provided Revolving Funds @ of Rs.1 lakh each. SHG clusters are also formed for increasing marketable volumes so as to enable collective marketing, value addition and market linkages. Various clusters have been formed for NTFP and agricultural commodities like Tamarind, Mahua, Turmeric Siali, Hill broom, Agarbati, Onion and Potato.

Chairperson suggested that the entire project target of 4550 SHGs should be linked by June 2012.

e. Organizing meetings of District Advisory Committee at regular interval:

Project Director mentioned that the Collectors of the 10 project districts have been requested by the Chief Secretary to hold the meeting of the District Advisory Committee (DAC) regularly once in two months. The DFO of the 14 Project Divisions were also requested by the Project Director to convene the meetings of the DAC. Accordingly the DAC meetings have been held once at least in all the Project Districts within September 2011.

f. Installation of Smokeless fuel efficient chullas:

Project Director informed that DFO cum DMU chiefs have been instructed to promote and popularize the use of Smokeless fuel efficient chullas in the project villages, so as to saturate its use within a VSS. Until now the project has facilitated provision of 15,500 chullas against 9667 by March 2011, in the project villages. Project Director also mentioned that the modalities for promotion of smokeless chullas in Forest Divisions outside the Project area were recently discussed with the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the RCCFs have been provided guidelines for coordinating expansion of these chullahs as extension of OFSDP.

However the Governing Body on review decided that unless the Project specifies the promotion of smokeless chullas outside the project areas; the training, capacity building and installation of smokeless chullas should be limited only to the Project areas.

g. Blank areas available as per working plans for artificial regeneration:

Project Director briefed the members that, an analysis of the available blank areas under working plans in notified forest blocks of the project divisions is being undertaken. The old teak plantation areas in Jeypore and Angul divisions which have been hacked are being taken up for tending along with SMC measures.

h. Implementation of farm forestry component:

Project Director informed that the farm forestry component under OFSDP has been rather slow as there was funding support available under various other schemes for free distribution of seedlings in all forest divisions. The present model of demonstration centre establishment along with Nakshatra Vana and Permanent nursery has been reemphasized for grounding in 2011-12 with a guideline in details in July 2011. However in order to promote the farm forestry in the project divisions, the model followed by the Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project (TAP) funded by JICA is being planned. This will target and support individual farmers for taking up farm forestry interventions in their farmlands.

The Governing body decided that the proposed model of Farm Forestry will be followed in OFSDP, on approval from JICA.

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3. Review of Progress of Project Activities:

The Project Director highlighted the progress of the Project activities and achievement of targeted forest restoration activities during the 3rd quarter along with other activities in progress.

4. Revision of Travel Entitlements of project staff:

Project Director informed that the OFSDS has officers on deputation from the State government and employees engaged on Contractual basis. The Government on the Finance Department has revised the travel entitlements of the employees working with the State government vide OM no CS-II-5/2011-16638 dt 2.4.2011. Accordingly it was proposed to revise the travel entitlements of the staff working with the OFSDS based on the Travel allowance rates revised by State government. Accordingly the Para 2.8 of the Operational Manual of OFSDS is proposed to be amended.

The Governing body approved the proposal of amending para 2.8 of the Operational Manual of OFSDS.

5. Revision of consolidated remuneration to contractual employees:

Project Director mentioned that the remuneration of the contractual employees working with OFSDS at the State level and District/Range Level are proposed to be revised based on the recommendations of the Rationalization Committee which as concurrence of the Finance Department and Govt. orders in ST&SC Development Department (Nodal Department) is to be implemented. The additional financial implications of the revised remuneration structure for 52 staff of PMU and 198 staff at DMUs obtained from Service Provider and 5 Contractual officers would be Rs 32.64 lakh in 2011-12 for 6 months and Rs 65.28 lakh in 2012-13.

The Governing body approved the proposal in principle and decided to effect the revised remuneration in accordance to communication of ST&SC Development Department in Government for the revision of remuneration based on the recommendations of the Rationalization Committee.

6. Additional Action Plan 2011 and Additional Budget allocation for

OFSDP in 2011-12.

Project Director informed that the action plan and budget for 2011-12 has been proposed for revision with additional budget outlay of Rs 10.00 Crore, raising the overall budget outlay to Rs 110 Crore. The budget outlay for 2011-12 is proposed at Rs 110.73

Core. The funds towards this will be met from the unspent balance already available with the OFSDS.

The governing Body approved the additional action plan 2011 and revised Budget allocation of Rs.110.73 Crore for 2012-13.

7. Additional Action Plan 2011-12 and Additional Budget allocations for OFSDP in 2012-13

Project Director highlighted the proposal of an alternative action plan for utilization of balance funds and for moving JICA for extension of the project for another 2 years. The JICA Review Mission of during their visit to the State from 27th ~ 30th July 2011 had detailed discussions with the PMU and the State Government regarding the utilization of the Savings expected under the project as a result of exchange rate variation and some modification of targets. The total savings is expected to be around Rs 280 Crore. The JICA review mission in their 'Back to office report' communicated to the PMU during September 2011 has agreed in principle the Savings Utilization Plan, but have sought detailed proposals. Accordingly, a meeting was also held by the Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department on 12.7.2011 for deciding the modalities to utilize the additional funds available under OFSDP. Further, the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India undertook the quarterly review meeting of OFSDP at New Delhi on 05.09.2011, wherein the proposal for Savings Utilization Plan and extension of the project implementation period beyond March 2013 was discussed. Accordingly MoEF has requested for submission of proposals.

The Project Director informed that extension of project implementation period from 2013 to 2015 has been sought for JICA approval. Simultaneously, a supplementary proposal of JFM mode activities and associated capacity building activities has been prepared for project period extension and Savings Utilization Plan upto 2014-15.

The proposal was approved by the Governing body for implementation with JICA approvals.

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8. Internal audit report on the account of OFSDS for the FY. 2010-1011:

Project Director briefed that as per approval of the Governing Body M/s Patra & Co., Chartered Accountants, Bhubaneswar have taken up internal audit of the accounts of the Society for the year 2010-11. The discrepancies and short comings pointed out by audit has been in the meanwhile got rectified. The Audit report was placed before the Governing Body.

The Governing Body members observed that an unspent grant of Rs 55.5 Crore was lying with the OFSDS as on 31.03.2011. The Chairman advised the project with particulars of unutilized fund with DMU Chiefs to move the PCCF, Orissa, who in turn would write to the defaulting DFO cum DMU Chiefs for expediting physical and financial progress with large amounts of unspent project funds. The Governing Body emphasized the need to hasten the utilization of the project funds by the project divisions with physical progress as per project during 2011-12.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and all members.


(R.N. SENAPATI, IAS)

Agriculture Production Commissioner &
Chairperson of the Governing Body, OFSDS.

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Position
1.	Shri R. N. Senapati, IAS	Agriculture Production Commissioner, Orissa	Chairperson, OFSDS
2.	Shri P. N. Padhi, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa	Member
3.	Shri J. D. Sharma, IFS	Principal CCF (WL) and CWLW, Orissa	Member
4.	Shri B. P. Singh, IFS	Special Secretary, F&E Deptt.	Member
5.	Shri P. K. Behera	Secretary, NEWS, Angul	Member
6.	Shri Vinod Kumar, IFS	Principal CCF & Project Director, OFSDP	Member Secretary
7.	Shri Rajiv Kumar, IFS	Jt. Project Director (HRD & R), OFSDP	Special Invitee
8.	Shri. Debidutta Biswal, IFS	Jt. Project Director (IME)	Special Invitee
9.	Shri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS	Jt. Project Director (Adm.& Finance) OFSDP	Special Invitee