

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
ODISHA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY HELD ON
13.07.2018 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF WOMEN & CHILD
DEVELOPMENT AND MISSION SHAKTI DEPARTMENT, ODISHA
SECRETARIAT, BHUBANESWAR**

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The 26th meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society was held under the Chairmanship of Shri S.C.Mahapatra, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Odisha on 13th July, 2018 at 11.00 A.M in the Conference Hall of Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti Department, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar. The list of members present in the meeting is placed at ***Annexure-I***.

With the kind permission of the Chair, the Project Director-cum-Member Secretary, OFSDS made an agenda-wise power-point presentation and explained the contents of the agenda to the members to facilitate discussions/decisions as detailed below:-

1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the 25th Governing Body Meeting, dated 08.03.2018.

Project Director informed to the Governing Body that the proceedings of the 25th Governing Body meeting of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society held on 08.03.2018 was communicated to all the members vide letter No.657/ OFSDP-110/ 2007 (Vol.-VI) dated 12.03.2018 and that no comments were received.

The Governing Body confirmed the proceedings of the 25th Governing Body meeting as such.

2. Compliance on important decisions of the 25th Governing Body Meeting, dated 08.03.2018.

Actions taken in compliance to the important decisions of the 25th Governing Body Meeting held on 08.03.2018 were presented in a tabular statement showing important decisions taken in the meeting and status of corresponding compliance. The gist of compliance is given below:-

2.1 Rapid Training Need Assessment for OFSDP-II

The G.B was informed that suitable Training Institutions and resource persons on different thematic areas have been identified within the State. Further, in the Capacity Development Plan for OFSDP-II, training of project functionaries, such as, Foresters, Forest Guards, VSS and SHG members are being proposed to be conducted at field level and that of senior officers at the State level. In order to facilitate the trainings at field level, extension of the DMU and FMU building with meeting hall and necessary facilities has been taken up at Division and Range level which will be utilised for the purpose. Chairman GB observed that the course material prepared for field level trainings need to be translated in Odia and widely circulated among the stakeholders.

2.2 Progress of implementation of Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY)

(i) SMC works in AJY areas in convergence with MGNREGS

Governing Body was informed that the AJY implementing Divisions have been asked to submit their proposals to the respective District Collectors/ Project Director, DRDA for conducting SMC works in AJY areas in convergence mode under MGNREGS. However, for Entry Point Activities like renovation of ponds, repair and construction of link roads, renovation of drinking water facility etc., are being taken up in various Divisions. In all 256 number of proposals in 256 VSS have been approved by the district authorities and 1035 in 7 districts and 9 Divisions are pending for approval at district authority level.

Chairman of the Governing Body expressed the need for pursuing the matter with the Panchayati Raj Department. In this regard, he requested to Dr. A.K.Pathak, IFS, Addl. Principal CCF (PPA) in the office of the Principal CCF, Odisha to also pursue the matter with P.R Department.

(ii) Training of personnel on soil & moisture conservation works

It was informed to the GB that trainings on Soil & Moisture Conservation (SMC) works have been provisioned for different levels in the training plan both under AJY and OFSDP-II. DMU Chiefs have been instructed for monitoring of water table level in areas where SMC intervention have been planned/ undertaken. Field reports from some of the DMUs, in respect of pre-monsoon monitoring have been received.

Chairman, GB desired to know the location of spots where monitoring of water table is being done. It was informed that water table monitoring is mainly undertaken in wells and water bodies (ponds) with the help of the concerned line departments. Chairman, GB suggested that the monitoring of water table should be taken in bore-wells as far as it is possible. Necessary procedures and the standardised protocol of the Ground Water Department, if any, may be adopted in such monitoring.

2.3 Progress of implementation of OFSDP Phase –II.

Expeditious action in getting reimbursement claims from JICA

The GB was informed that necessary action has been taken to expedite submission of reimbursement claims to JICA. So far, reimbursement claims amounting to Rs.16.03 crore have been preferred and JICA has reimbursed an amount of Rs. 12.48 crores.

2.4 Annual Plan of Operation for 2018-19, in respect of OFSDP Phase-I, to utilise the accrued interest money for furtherance of activities taken up under OFSDP Phase-I.

(i) Repair and maintenance of VSS buildings constructed during OFSDP-I

The GB was informed that the DMU Chiefs of OFSDP-I were asked to submit their proposals for repair of 50% of VSS buildings constructed during implementation of OFSDP-I. So far, proposals from 11 No. of Divisions have been received, which are under scrutiny. Necessary funds will be released shortly for undertaking the works after the rainy season.

(ii) Settlement of 4th year incentives to farmers who have implemented Farm Forestry under OFSDP-I in Rayagada & Koraput Divisions.

The GB was informed that the fourth year incentive claims of the farmers of Rayagada DMU have been settled and funds have been released. In respect of Koraput DMU consolidated proposal of DMU Chief is still awaited. Chairman of the GB stressed the need for regular monitoring of the plantations.

(iii) Refund of outstanding liabilities of OFSDP-I existing in the form of EMD/SD.

The GB was informed that necessary action has been taken to settle the EMD and SD pertaining to OFSDP-I on case to case basis.

2.5 Appointment of Internal Auditor for the financial year 2017-18.

It was informed to the GB that 24 applications received from interested firms are under scrutiny. The assignment will be awarded shortly.

3. Progress of implementation of AJY.

Project Director informed to the Governing Body that Ama Jangala Yojana (AJY) is being implemented in 23 Territorial & Wildlife Divisions of the State in Joint Forest Management Mode, with main objectives to conserve and restore degraded forests through mobilization of forest dependent communities and by developing alternative livelihood opportunities for the dependent families. The progress of implementation of AJY was reported as below :-

VSSs covered under AJY

Governing Body was informed that a total of 2346 VSSs belonging to 24 Forest & wildlife Divisions were identified in the first year of implementation of AJY during 2016-17. Due to shifting of three Divisions, viz. Baripada, Rairangpur and Sambalpur to OFSDP Phase-II w.e.f. 1st April, 2017, the number of Divisions implementing AJY reduced to 21 covering 2086 VSSs. Two new Divisions, viz. Nabarangpur and Rairakhol were included for implementation of AJY during 2017-18, which made the total number of Divisions implementing AJY, 23. During 2017-18 (second year), 554 no of new VSS in 23 Forest & Wildlife Divisions were identified for Implementation of AJY, which are undertaking actual implementation. During 2018-19 (third year), 540 no of VSS in 20 Forest & Wildlife Divisions have been identified for implementation of AJY. Necessary guidelines on different themes have been formulated and circulated for smooth implementation of AJY.

Engagement of PNGOs and Capacity Development under AJY

Project Director informed that engagement of Partner NGOs as support organization for smooth implementation of AJY in all the implementing Divisions has been completed with deployment of NGO teams in each FMU for every 20 VSSs, on an average. Capacity Building of local communities and the forest personnel is given priority for smooth implementation of AJY. Necessary training modules have been prepared on different themes before imparting training. Capacity Building Trainings are being conducted at different levels, such as at PMU, DMU, FMU and VSS Level. So far, Capacity Building Training programmes involving 76273 participants, covering 2460 VSS and 1155 SHGs have been conducted at PMU and DMU Levels. Chairman of GB expressed that the utilization of revolving fund in the OFSDP-I VSS, in such forest divisions may be monitored

utilizing the services of the PNGOs engaged under AJY for the sustainability of such interventions under OFSDP.

Progress of Survey & Demarcation:

Project Director informed to the Governing Body that Survey and Demarcation of the Assigned Area and Treatment Area of VSSs under AJY has been completed in 2422 no. of VSSs covering an area of 134890.37 ha. The GIS coordinates of each pillar are uploaded in the web-based GIS-MIS of AJY. So far, 101337 no. of Pillars have been posted in 2007 VSSs.

Construction of VSS Buildings:

Project Director informed that the approved scheme of AJY envisages construction of a VSS building in each of the project village. The purpose of constructing these building is to provide a designated place to the VSS members for conducting VSS meetings. These buildings have been designed in such a manner that these can also be used by the SHGs for their business activities. The buildings are also being used for conducting various other activities in the village like organising health camps, immunization programmes, drying and processing of SHG produce etc. Due to paucity of funds, it has not been possible to construct these buildings in all the VSSs and hence construction of these buildings has been prioritized on the basis of performance of VSSs on Forest Protection and Management. So far, a total 201 No. of VSS buildings have been completed under AJY. Construction of 90 VSS buildings is proposed during 2018-19. Chairman of the GB suggested that, so far as it is possible, all the buildings constructed under AJY shall be uniformly coloured.

Entry Point Activity:

Project Director informed that efforts are being made to converge the programmes of other Line Departments, as Entry Point Activities under AJY. The plan and estimates for EPA in respect of 91 VSSs of Rourkela Division, 85 VSSs of Deogarh Division and 80 VSS of Bargarh Division have been approved by concerned District Authorities for which 25% funds towards material cost have been released to these Divisions under State Plan. Further, in 09 Divisions, the Divisional Forest Officers have submitted their proposals for undertaking EPA works of AJY under MGNREGS to the concerned District Collectors/PD, DRDAs

Financial Progress

It was informed by the Project Director that for implementation of AJY, funds are being received from State CAMPA and State Plan. The status of funds received and corresponding expenditure under the State CAMPA and the State Plan, as on 31st May, 2018, was presented as follows:-

Source	State CAMPA				State Plan			
Financial Year	Opening Balance	Received	Expenditure	Balance	Opening Balance	Received	Expenditure	Balance
2011-12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000
2012-13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000	0.00	0.00	1000
2013-14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000	10.00	0.00	1010
2014-15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1010	110.00	10.03	1109.97
2015-16	0.00	1862.37	66.25	1796.12	1109.97	0.00	128.87	981.1
2016-17	1796.12	1120.00	2472.45	443.67	981.1	1000.00	1143.10	838
2017-18	443.67	8898.93	4778.17	4564.43	838	1000.00	1404.51	433.49
2018-19	4564.43	2256.00	1859.02	4961.41	433.49	1000.00	110.89	1322.60
Total		14137.30	9175.89	4961.41	--	4120.00	2797.40	1322.60

4. Progress of implementation of OFSDP-II.

The progress of implementation of OFSDP-II was reported as follows:-

Activities under JFM and Non-JFM mode during 2018-19.

Project Director appraised that the activities under sustainable Forest Management intervention during 2018-19 include works both under JFM & Non-JFM modes, in 15 FMUs of 12 DMUs. The preparatory works such as Survey & Demarcation, Nursery raising, SMC (Drainage Line Treatment) works, different components of ANR & AR, consolidation & demarcation of Forest boundary and fire line construction are scheduled to be taken during 2018-19. The plantations both under ANR & AR will be taken up in the next year (2019-20) in the 1st batch VSSs. The targets for different activities under JFM & Non-JFM modes were reported as below :-

JFM Mode			
SI No	Activities	Unit	Target
1	ANR without Gap	Ha.	6463
2	ANR with Gap Planting (400 Plant)	Ha.	6763
3	ANR with Gap Planting (800 Plant)	Ha.	1862
4	Fuel wood & Fodder Plantation	Ha.	871
5	NTFP Plantation	Ha.	607
6	Other Block Plantation	Ha.	297
7	Drainage Line Treatment (Ex-Situ SMC)	Ha.	446
8	Fire line Construction	KM	506

Non- JFM Mode			
SI No	Activities	Unit	Target
1	Drainage Line Treatment (Ex-Situ SMC)	Ha.	446
2	Consolidation & Demarcation of Forest Boundary	Km.	593
3	Construction / Improvement of Permanent Nursery	No.	6

Chairman of the GB suggested that the approach to raise NTFP plantations should be demand driven and not target oriented and it shall be taken up over compact patches, as far as possible. He further suggested that raising of Onion, Sabai grass etc. may be promoted in potential areas as livelihood option. Use of LPG may also be promoted in convergence with Ujjala Scheme and efforts shall be made to ensure continuity of use of LPG by the village households.

Financial progress of OFSDP-II as on 30.06.2018.

Project Director informed to the Governing Body that the High Power Committee of OFSDS in its 14th meeting held on 29.03.2018 approved the Annual Action Plan for implementation of OFSDP Phase-II during 2018-19 at an estimated cost of Rs. 68.73 crores. Against this, an amount of Rs. 26.00 crores has been received from the Forest and Environment Department, Government of Odisha as *Grant-in-Aid*, in two instalments of Rs. 3.00 crore and Rs. 23.00 crore respectively. All the project component works as per the approved Annual Action Plan 2018-19 are progressing in 12 Forest and 2 Wildlife Divisions (DMU's). Up to 30.06.2018 a total expenditure of Rs.6.03 crore has been incurred during the current financial year. The cumulative expenditure under OFSDP-II till 30.06.2018 is Rs.21.42 crores.

Strengthening of RCCF, DMU and FMU offices

Project Director informed that under OFSDP-II, strengthening of six RCCF offices, 12 Divisional offices and 50 Forest Range offices was taken up in the preparatory year. The RCCF offices at Angul, Berhampur, Sambalpur, Baripada, Rourkela and Bhawanipatna have been provided with one Data Entry Operator each. In the project implementing Forest Divisions, recruitment of project staff has already been completed. Besides, all the Project implementing Divisions have been provided with vehicles (with drivers on outsourcing basis). Six concerned

Circle offices, 12 project implementing Divisions and 50 Forest Ranges have been provided with Computers and peripherals for online reporting of project both in GIS and MIS platforms. Details of computers and peripherals provided to RCCF offices, DMUs and FMUs were reported as below :-

Office	Laptops	Computers	Printers	Cameras	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
DMU	12	72	36	24	144
FMU	50	250	100	100	500
Circle	--	6	6	--	12

It was further informed to the GB that the extension work of buildings of Division offices (DMUs) and Forest Ranges (FMUs) has been completed in 26 places out of total 62 sites. In the remaining 35 sites, this work is on the verge of completion and expectedly it will complete by July end. In the case of Manada Range of Rairangpur DMU, however, the work has not started as yet because large number of villages in this Range are reportedly falling in protected area. As soon as the assignment of the area to different VSSs in this Range (which is targeted to be taken up in 2nd batch i.e., during 2019-20) is finalised, the construction of FMU building will be taken up.

5. Engagement of Project Management Consultant (PMC) Services for OFSDP-II

Project Director appraised to the Governing Body that Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for OFSDP Phase-II was envisaged in the Minutes of Discussion (MoD) approved by JICA. It has been proposed to provide an International Consulting Firm in compliance with the Guidelines of JICA. The objective of the proposed consultancy is to assist PMU in the following areas:

1. Assistance in Management of the project.
2. Technical Assistance in implementation of the project components/ activities
3. Facilitate implementation of Environment Management Plan & Environment Monitoring Plan

It was further informed to the GB that the process of engagement of Project Management Consultant service was initiated by issuing a request for Expression

of Interest which was published in National dailies on 6th May, 2017. In response, 08 (eight) proposals from different firms were received out of which 05 (five) firms were shortlisted, following the criteria prescribed by JICA on the procurement of the international consultants. All these five shortlisted firms were requested to submit the complete proposal for Project Management Consultancy. Only three firms responded and submitted their proposals within the stipulated time. The Technical Proposals received from the three shortlisted firms were evaluated by a committee constituted by the Project Director for the purpose, which was followed with the evaluation of financial proposals. Both the technical and financial proposals were evaluated following the approved criteria of JICA i.e., Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS) and weightage points received from technical and financial proposals were calculated in the ratio of 80% & 20% respectively, in accordance with the JICA Guidelines.

It was further informed to the GB that the Consortium of M/s PADECO Co., Limited, Japan & M/s. EPTISA Servicios de Ingenieria S.L., Spain, scored the highest weightage and therefore, after obtaining concurrence of JICA, it was invited for negotiations. OFSDS signed the contract agreement with the Consortium of M/s PADECO Co., Limited, Japan & M/s. EPTISA Servicios de Ingenieria S.L., Spain on 22nd May, 2018, in the standard formats prescribed by JICA for signing of the agreement. In compliance to the provisions of Loan Agreement, the Contract document was sent to JICA for their review and concurrence. After review, JICA communicated their final concurrence to the contract document on 27th June, 2018.

The Governing Body was also informed that as per the agreed minutes of discussion, there is total provision of Rs.16,80,00,000/- (excluding taxes) for the Project Management Consultancy. However, the total consultancy amount after negotiations with consulting firms arrived at Rs.15,10,02,729/-(excluding taxes).

It was further informed that the consultancy firm reported to the PMU, OFSDS on 02.07.2018 for undertaking the assignment.

6. Implementation of the Labour Commissioner, Odisha Notification No.4909/LC dated 30.04.2018 regarding payment of Variable Dearness Allowance with effect from 01.04.2018 in implementation of plantation and ancillary activities under OFSDP-II and AJY.

Project Director informed to the Governing Body that the Labour Commissioner, Odisha vide his letter No.4909/LC dated 30.04.2018 has communicated the Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) @ Rs.0.90 per point rise in All India Consumer Price Index Number (Base 2001-100) from the date of notification of the revised wages to be effected from 1st April of every year. Accordingly, the present rate of minimum notified wages including VDA w.e.f. 01.04.2018 has been notified as under:-

Sl.No.	Category	Revised minimum wage rate including VDA w.e.f. 01.04.2018.
1	Unskilled	Rs. 224.30
2	Semi-skilled	Rs. 244.30
3	Skilled	Rs. 264.30
4	Highly Skilled	Rs. 284.30

It was further informed that at present, in line with the Project Document of OFSDP-II, the approved Cost Norm of Forest Department issued vide office order no 143/12F (Affn.) 247/2012 dated 29.01.2016 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha are being followed for implementation of the different models of ANR &AR taken up under sustainable Forest Management intervention. The financial outlay of the Action Plan 2018-19 was calculated at the minimum wage rate of Rs. 200 per manday. However, in view of the above mentioned letter of Labour Commissioner, Odisha the new wage rates will be applicable for interventions under the OFSDP-II and AJY. Necessary requirement of funds on this account will be met out of the allocation made for this purpose in the Annual Action Plan for 2018-19. However, if any shortage of fund will be noticed, provision will be made at the stage of supplementary budget after obtaining the approval of Governing Body and HPC.

7. Grant of annual increment for the staff of OFSDS engaged through service providers.

Project Director informed to the Governing Body that Government of Odisha, in ST & SC Development Department Resolution No. 38165 dated 09.12.2011 has prescribed rationalization of Pay Structure of staff and officials across Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) working in the areas of Natural Resource

Management (NRM) and livelihood sectors in the state. Accordingly, an annual incentive during renewal of contract, subject to their satisfactory performance, is permissible at the rate of 5% to the staff engaged through the Service Provider. All the staff engaged under OFSDP-II and AJY have already completed one year or more now and it was, therefore, proposed to adopt the stipulations prescribed in the ST & SC Development Department Resolution dated 09.02.2011 for granting 5% incentive to all eligible employees of OFSDS from this year onwards with a view to ensure their optimal performance in the project works.

The Governing Body after detailed discussion approved the proposal.

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

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(S.C.Mahapatra, IAS)
Addl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest & Environment Department
& Chairperson, OFSDS, Bhubaneswar.

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Annexure- I**LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sl. No	Name	Designation	Position
1.	Sri S.C.Mahapatra, IAS	Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department.	Chairperson
2	Sri Ajit Bharthuar, IFS	Special Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department	Member
3	Shri Sandeep Tripathy, IFS	Principal CCF (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha	Member
4.	Sri A.K.Pathak, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forests, Afforestation, O/O the PCCF, Odisha (Representative of PCCF, Odisha)	Member
5	Shri Smruti Ranjan Pradhan, IAS	Director, NRLM (PR & Drinking Water Deptt.), Bhubaneswar	Member
6	Sri Prasanna Ku. Behera	Honorary Secretary, NEWS, Angul	Member
7	Sri L. K. Tewari, IFS	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Projects)-cum-Project Director	Member-Secretary
<u>SPECIAL INVITEES</u>			
1	Dr(Mrs) Meeta Biswal, IFS	Addl. Project Director, OFSDS	
2	Dr. Pradeep Raj Karat, IFS	Joint Project Director, OFSDS	