



ORISSA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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To

All Members
High Power Committee
Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society.

Pr. Secretary, F&E Department.
Pr. Secretary, Finance Department.
Secretary, Revenue Department.
Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department.
Secretary, ST & SC Development Department.
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wild Life Warden, Orissa.
Spl. Secretary, Planning & Coordination Department.


Sub: The 2nd meeting of High Power Committee of OFSDS- Proceedings

Sir,

I am enclosing here with a copy of the Approved Proceedings of the 2nd High Power Committee meeting of OFSDS held on 8th February 2008 at 12.15 PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat, under the Chairmanship of Sri A.K.Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary and Chairperson, High Power Committee, OFSDS.

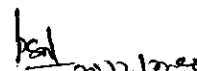
Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,



Project Director
& Member Secretary, OFSDS.

Copy to the P.S to Chief Secretary, Orissa for the kind information of the Chief Secretary, Orissa and Chairperson, High Power Committee of OFSDS.

Copy to the P.S to Agriculture Production Commissioner, Orissa for information of Agricultural Production Commissioner, Orissa and Vice-Chairperson, High Power Committee of OFSDS.


Project Director
& Member Secretary, OFSDS

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& Member Secretary, OFSDS

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE HIGH POWER COMMITTEE
OF ORISSA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY HELD ON 8TH
FEBRUARY, 2008 AT BHUBANESWAR, ORISSA.**

The 2nd meeting of the High Power Committee (HPC) of the Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held under the Chairmanship of Sri A. K. Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary, Orissa and President, OFSDS & Chair Person, HPC on 8th February, 2008 at 12.15 Hrs in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Orissa Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.

The list of members present is at Annexure-‘A’.

At the outset the Project Director-cum-Member Secretary, HPC welcomed all the members and the special invitees to the meeting. There after the agenda items were discussed.

Agenda Item No.1: Review on the Progress of the Project activities:

The Project Director gave a brief account of the activities of the Project since the last meeting, and highlighted the following points:

1. The Project implementation started in 2006-07. During the first year, the executing body, comprising PMU, DMUs, FMUs was established along with initial sensitization of the staff, and required infrastructure. Major project component is the restoration of degraded forest over an area of 1.9 lakh ha in JFM mode through 2275 VSSs along with the community development works, and alternative livelihoods – IGAs through 4550 SHGs.

2. During the current year 2007-08, from the candidate sites identified during the first year, 623 sites with a gross area of about 65000 ha. have been selected for intervention in the first batch. Micro Plans for all these areas have been prepared as per the VSS Management Manual (prepared by the Project) and implementation works have been started. All VSSs have opened their accounts and funds have been released for construction of VSS Office-cum-Meeting hall, prioritized EPAs, and forest restoration works – silvicultural operations, VSS nurseries, soil and moisture conservation works. Maps of the treatment areas have been prepared through DGPS surveys and interpretation of satellite data, and will be compiled at a GIS platform by the General Consultant. DAC meeting have been held in all districts except Gajapati, Kandhamal, Balasore.

3. NGO teams have been selected to provide technical support to various FMUs / FMU combinations, and they are functioning since August, 2007. One Animator has been selected in each VSS and they have been imparted the initial training by the NGOs. The remuneration of the Animators is Rs. 750/- per month at par with other similar projects. Training programmes were organized for the officials and NGO Team Leaders on ‘Comprehensive Micro Planning’, followed by training for VSS representatives.

4. 1178 persons (selected VSS leaders, Animators, NGO Team members, OFD officials) visited selected WORLP sites in 52 teams during October & November, 2007 to learn about the processes and various Income Generating Activities under WORLP.

5. General Consultants have been selected for providing technical and managerial consultancy, following the JBIC procedure and have started functioning from 13th December, 2007. They are studying the processes that have been set up for refining and are working for establishing a project MIS. It is also proposed to evolve a concurrent independent monitoring system.

6. Several documents have been published by the Project for the guidance of the facilitators in preparing comprehensive Micro Plans and dissemination of Project related information amongst the stakeholders. Project is also publishing a Quarterly newsletter, both in English and Oriya, and is maintaining a website.

The Agriculture Production Commissioner and Vice- Chair Person, HPC, mentioned the criteria of selection of the Districts/Forest Divisions where the project is being implemented i.e. (i) Extent of degradation of Forests, (ii) Level of Poverty, and (iii) Proportion of Scheduled Tribes. APC also pointed out that care has been taken to put crucial systems in place in the beginning of the Project Implementation and that the progress under the project has been satisfactory and appreciated by JBIC regarding the pace of progress of the Project. The Chair Person suggested to maintain planting stock required for next 3 years. He also advised that the provisions may be made for performance based incentives to the VSSs / SHGs through annual recognition for best performance at Division/ State level. He further desired that information dissemination need to be done through GRAMSAT / Broadcasting of Video clips through Door Darshan under programmes like " Kranti" broadcast on Sundays highlighting success stories of different Government Departments. The Project Director informed that the Project held a GRAMSAT program on OFSDP on 31st January, 2008 and that the Project is in touch with the GRAMSAT Programme Coordinator for preparation of short documentaries highlighting project components and strategies to invite peoples' participation. APC observed that since the project is technically in its first year of implementation, the success stories will be available in next couple of years. Applications of forestry development in poverty alleviation programme should be highlighted in the films.

The Project Director mentioned that as decided by the Governing Body, the 'Coastal Plantations' has been pre-scheduled to 2008-09 with a target of 310 ha. of Mangrove Plantation in Bhadrakh & Balasore WL Divisions and the preliminary works and nurseries have already started. He further intimated that finding suitable Government lands for raising Casuarina plantations seems difficult. The PCCF, Orissa suggested for bringing out legislation for mandatory shelter belt plantations over private lands along the coast. The Special Secretary, Planning & Co-ordination, mentioned that a facilitation for raising casuarinas plantation is already available in the form of "the Orissa Forest (Management of Coastal Shelterbelt Plantations raised on Private Lands) Rules, 1980. The APC advised to explore the possibility of raising Casuarina plantations on the private lands.

The Project Director brought to the notice of the members that 5 VSSs in Balliguda DMU in Khandamal district have got selected for intervention under OFSDP, and also under OTELP. Activities have been initiated under both the projects. Hence,

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they have been taken up on trial basis to bring synergy and convergence with OTELP. HPC agreed to the proposed effort, and observed that due care is to be observed for not taking up additional VSSs for such convergence between two donor funded projects.

Agenda Item No.2: Approval of the Budget for the year 2007-08:

The Project Director brought to the notice of the members that the State budget has a provision of Rs. 82.3 Crores for the year 2007-08. Against this, the Governing Body had agreed to the budget proposal of Rs.70.43 Crores in its meeting held in May, 2007. Now a revised budget proposal for Rs.76.079 Crores is put up before the HPC for approval. The HPC approved the proposed budget outlay of Rs. 76.079 Crores for OFSDS for the year 2007-08 (Annexure-B). The Special Secretary, Planning & Co-ordination Department suggested that since the Project is being implemented in Society mode, amount as per the budget sanctioned for the OFSDP may be released to the Society, and from the funds sanctioned for other EAPs additional funds may be released to the Society. The Committee agreed to this suggestion and advised the Project Director to explore this, and put up the revised budget proposal before the Chair Person of the Governing Body for approval.

APC and Vice Chair Person requested the PCCFs to advise the concerned Conservator of Forests to own up the Project and put in their best efforts for guiding the Executing Divisions and also for effective monitoring of the activities. The PCCF, Orissa, mentioned that there is serious constraint of shortage of staff in field level in all the Divisions and steps may be taken by the Government to fill-up the vacant posts.

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

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(A.K. Tripathy)

Chief Secretary, Orissa
President OFSDS & Chair Person, HPC.

Annexure- A

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Position
1.	Sri Ajit K. Tripathy, IAS	Chief Secretary	Chair Person
2.	Sri S.P. Nanda, IAS	Agriculture Production Commissioner	Vice-Chair Person
3.	Dr. Taradatt, IAS	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST & SC Dev. Deptt.	Member
4.	Sri R.K. Mishra	Director, IF & Addl. Secy, FD	
5.	Sri Jagannath Behera, OAS(I)	Jt. Secretary, Rev. & Disaster Management Department.	
6.	Sri S.C. Mohanty, IFS	PCCF, Orissa	Member
7.	Sri B.K. Patnaik, IFS	PCCF(WL), Orissa	Member
8.	Dr. R.V. Singh, IFS	Special Secretary, Planning & Coordination	Member
9.	Sri A.K. Bansal, IFS	Project Director, OFSDP	Member Secretary
10.	Sri P.N. Padhi, IFS	Special Secretary, F&E Deptt.	Special Invitee
11.	Sri. B.K. Swain, IFS	Jr. Project Director(IM&E), OFSDP	Special Invitee
12.	Sri. Debidutta Biswal, IFS	Jt. Project Director (Adm.& Finance) OFSDP	Special Invitee
13.	Sri R.C. Mohapatra, OFS-II	Dy. Project Director (Adm. & Finance) OFSDP	Special Invitee

Annexure B

OFSDS BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2007-08

(Rupees in Million)

Sl. No.	Item	Total Project Cost	2006-07 Expenditure	Agreed to by the Governing Body	Revised Budget Estimate
1.	Preparatory work	345.07	10.37	91.48	91.48
2.	Strengthening of Executing Body	109.23	44.95	51.92	37.82
3.	Capacity Building of VSSs	367.16	0.00	76.65	88.01
4.	Community/Tribal Development	859.77	0.00	166.74	150.49
5.	Biodiversity conservation	126.34	0.00	1.00	1.00
6.	Forest Management under JFM Mode	2189.31	0.00	66.33	185.38
7.	Forest Management under Non-JFM Mode	525.57	0.00	16.09	16.09
8.	Farm Forestry Development	14.67	0.00	0	0
9.	Infrastructure Development	114.26	0.00	22.51	22.51
10.	Forest Researches	16.50	0.00	1.00	1.00
11.	Publicity and Communication	6.62	0.12	3.52	3.52
12.	Monitoring and Evaluation	107.03	0.00	5.30	5.30
13.	Phase-out and Phase-in Activities	1.00	0.00	0	0
		4782.53	55.44	502.55	602.60
14.	Price Escalation	184.76		20.10	5.00
15.	Physical Contingency	248.36		25.13	5.00
16.	Total (Excluding consultancy)	5215.65	55.44	547.78	612.60
17.	Consulting Services	207.30	0.05102	38.74	43.74
18.	Base Cost	190.87		35.54	43.74
19.	Price Escalation	6.56		1.42	-
20.	Physical Contingency	9.87		1.78	-
21.	Total JBIC Loan	5422.95	55.49	586.52	656.34
22.	Administration Cost	813.44	2.83	89.43	89.43
	NON ELIGIBLE PORTION				
23.	VAT	37.45		6.02	6.02
24.	Service Tax	150.00		22.34	9.00
25.	Govt. Share	1000.90	2.83	117.79	104.45
26.	Interest during construction	174.03			
	Grand Total :	6597.88	58.32	704.31	760.79