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From:

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To:

All Members,  
High Power Committee,  
Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society.

(Principal Secretary, F&E Department,  
Principal Secretary, Finance Department,  
Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department,  
Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department,  
Secretary, ST & SC Development Department,  
Special Secretary, Planning & Co-ordination Department,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wild Life Warden, Orissa).

**Sub: The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the High Power Committee of OFSDS – Proceedings.**

**Sir,**

A copy of the Approved Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> High Power Committee meeting of OFSDS held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at 4.00 P.M., in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under Chairmanship of Sri B. K. Patnaik, IAS, Chief Secretary, Odisha and President, OFSDS & Chair Person, HPC, is enclosed herewith.

The receipt of the approved proceedings may please be acknowledged.


Yours faithfully,

  
Project Director &  
Member Secretary, OFSDS.

Encl: As above.

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**Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the High Power Committee of Orissa Forestry  
Sector Development Society held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at 4.00 P.M, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Conference Hall of the Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.**

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the High Power Committee (HPC) of the Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held under the Chairmanship of Sri B.K. Patnaik, IAS, Chief Secretary, Odisha and President, OFSDS on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at 10.30 AM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Hall of the Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.

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

At the outset, the Project Director, Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project and Member Secretary, HPC welcomed all the members and initiated the discussions.

The proceedings of 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the High Power Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 which was communicated to all members vide letter No.3650/OFSDP-110/2007 dated 30.12.2010, was confirmed by the Committee.

The Committee then deliberated on compliance status of the decisions of 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and observed as given below :

- (i) Coastal plantation of Casuarina: The Project Director informed that it was earlier planned to harvest 450 ha out of approved harvesting scheme of 900 ha of old and mature Casuarina plantations in Balasore and Bhadrak DMUs for further replanting. Only one VSS agreed for harvesting the existing Casuarina plantation for an area of 15 ha and had received Rs.3.3 lakhs as VSS share. However, majority of VSSs did not agree for harvesting the Casuarina plantations. The committee advised the project to explore the possibility of more VSSs being persuaded to harvest old Casuarina plantations and take up further replanting. Chairperson emphasized that the harvesting should be initiated from the inland and proceed towards the seashore so that it could act as a good shelter belts for the coastal area.
- (ii) Eco-tourism Policy: The Project Director briefed that a draft Eco-tourism Policy was developed through OFSDP facilitation and is awaiting Government approval. Chairperson suggested that the draft Eco-tourism policy may be discussed within an internal core group in the Government and thereafter before a multi Stakeholder Workshop and then placed for Government approval. He also emphasized the need to bring out the Eco-tourism policy as soon as possible.
- (iii) Non-formal Education: The Project Director informed that 346 villages out of 2301 VSS have been identified for providing Non-formal education under the project. These VSS have selected an educated youth for undertaking Para teaching job. In the first phase, 148 persons have been trained during September 2011 in coordination with OPEPA and they have commenced their

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work VSS/village from Nov 2011. Further, around 70 youths will be trained during Jan 2012 in the same course with OPEPA.

- (iv) **Income Tax matter:** The Project Director informed that an appeal under Income Tax Act 1961 was filed before the Income Appellate Tribunal, Cuttack Bench against an income tax demand raised by the IT department on the Grant received by the Society from the Government, for the assessment year 2007-08. The Income Appellate Tribunal, Cuttack Bench has quashed the income tax demanded by the IT Department. Further, an appeal has been filed before Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals) against a similar income tax demand raised on the Grant received by the Society from the Government, for the assessment year 2008-09.

The Committee thereafter took up the circulated agenda. Agenda wise discussions and directions of the Committee are as below.

**Agenda Item No.1: Review of progress of project activities:**

The Project Director briefed that, after the last HPC meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2010, the project activities have been reviewed during the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 respectively.

The Project Director gave a brief account of the status of project activities and highlighted the following:

**Re-forestation:**

During the year, re-forestation activities have been carried out over 22,404 ha in 237, 4<sup>th</sup> batch VSSs and in the additional areas identified after the revisit in some 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> batch VSSs (541 ha), under JFM mode. Out of this ANR is 16,373 ha., and Block Plantation is over 6031 ha. (Economic-1511 ha, F&F 1348 ha, Bamboo 298 ha. & NTFP 2874 ha). Under non-JFM mode 2786 ha of AR teak plantation has been raised. Mangrove Plantation over 510 ha and Casuarina over 25 ha have been raised in Bhadrak & Balesore wild life Division. The potential target area for the 5<sup>th</sup> batch in 2012-13 with '0' year activities have been also simultaneously identified as given below.

**Progress with regards to key targets ( Up to Nov' 2011)**

Activity-Sub Activity	Unit	Project Target	Ach. Upto 2010-11	Ach. during 2011-12 (Nov,2011)	Ach Upto Nov,2011	Planned for 2012-13
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Restoration of Degraded Forests in 11 divisions</b>	ha	196,650	169,953	25,190	195,143	11,127
ANR	ha	138,000	130053	16373	146426	6485
Block Plantations	ha	39,650	31081	6031	37112	3542
Artificial Regeneration( AR Teak)	ha	19,000	8819	2786	11605	1100

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Coastal Plantation</b>	ha	2810	2073	535	2608	301
Mangroves	ha	2160	2006	510	2516	250
Non Mangroves	ha	650	67	25	92	51
<b>Biodiversity Management</b>						
Ecotourism destination development	no	5	1	1	2	3
Community Reserves/Heritage Sites	no	5	2	0	2	3
<b>Community/Tribal Development including Capacity Building of VSSs</b>						
Revitalization / Formation of VSS / EDCs	no	2275	2061	240	2301	125
EPA(VSS)	no	2275	2061	240	2301	125
IGA(SHG)	no	4550	2561	1348	3909	700

DGPS Survey and Mapping, preparation of micro plans by the respective VSS in the 5th batch is in progress.

#### **Bio-diversity Management:**

This component is implemented mainly in the Protected Areas under the project divisions. Eco-cottages have been constructed in Chhotkei in Satkosia WL Division for promoting community based eco tourism. EDCs formed in 17 villages in 4 clusters (Purunakote, Tikarpada, Tulka & Baliput) are implementing eco-development plan along with erection of Solar fences around the villages to reduce man-animal conflict and for enhancing livelihood for the communities.

An action plan for Mangrove Eco tourism in Balasore WL Division has been finalized and in first phase, works and organization for a day visit center at Khadibil, Balasore has been initiated.

Inventorization of Sacred Groves in the Project Divisions and the process of harnessing their bio-diversity conservation potentials through active participation of the VSSs/EDCs have been commenced. As decided at the meeting of the Governing Body held on 6th December 2010, a broad based committee comprising all stakeholders including the VSS has already been constituted for detailed planning, and management of the selected sacred groves, for 63 such sites so far for conservation and documentation.

#### **Community/Tribal Development**

##### **a. Entry Point Activities:**

Under Entry Point Activities, emphasis has been given to create assets which will address the basic human needs and also will provide an 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

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enclosures for women, solar lights, spot lights, renovation in school, weighing balance, radio, tent house utensils, KB pumps, community agriculture equipments etc. In case of some of the activities project has tried to maximize the benefits to the community through convergence with other line Departments.

**b. Income Generation Activities:**

The basic approach of the Project has been to promote demand driven IGA. About 5,755 loans have been linked to total 3,909 SHGs, 44 CIGs and 46 individuals from 'Revolving Fund' provided to each VSS/EDC @ of ₹ 1 lakh. Analysis of the 'Pilot IGA' reveals that an amount of about ₹10 Crores has already been loaned out. The average size of the loan in current year has grown to ₹ 19,000/-. The total interest earned to the VSS Revolving Fund is ₹16.2 lakhs. The cumulative profit of income generated by the SHGs is ₹ 70 lakhs. The Income Generation Support Agencies (IGASA) are in place for hand holding, capacity building, cluster formation, value addition and market linkage with focused IGAs. 553 days of foundation training, 719 days of Micro Enterprise Management training, 246 days of Skill training and 277 days of exposure visits have been organized so far for up scaling IGA activities. 512 days for refresher trainings have also been organized so far. The detail Business Development Plans for 55 clusters are complete. 51 clusters have started bulk trading of their products like deseeded tamarind, Siali leaf plates, Potatoes, Onions, Turmeric, Char, Hill brooms, Mahua flower, incense stick, maize etc.

**c. Livelihood Improvement:**

429 VSS animators in Phulbani, Baliguda, Koraput, Jeypore, Rayagada and Parlakhemundi Division, have been trained so far by NVBDCP as FTD to control malaria in the villages. 192 FTD kits have been supplied in Phulbani and Jeypore DMUs. The NVBDCP has proposed to conduct the FTD trainings in Keonjhar, Rourkela, Deogarh and Bonai DMUs. 83,122 Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLINs) have been supplied to households in 658 VSS.

15,448 Smokeless Chullahs have been installed in 199 VSSs in Angul, Balliguda, Bhadrak, Bonai, Deogarh, Jeypore, Koraput, Keonjhar, Phulbani, Parlakhemundi, Rayagada and Rourkela DMUs.

148 educated persons identified from Angul, Balliguda, Bonai, Deogarh, Jeypore, Keonjhar, Parlakhemundi and Phulbani have been trained in convergence with OPEPA to function as Instructors in the Non Formal Education Centers (NFECs) at the villages, which do not have Primary School within 1 km. Their services are being availed by respective VSS from November 2011.

**Capacity Building:**

Project conducts different capacity development programmes for all the stake holders i.e. VSS Members, Animators, SHG Members and Forest Staff on a regular basis. 2,19,914 person-days of training effort have been put in by the DMUs /Divisions, and 2,500 person-days training have been imparted by PMU through 111 various training programmes.

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Besides, the following training programmes identified during the year were organized for Forest Officers and members from VSS:

- A training cum exposure visit on 'Mangrove Forest Conservation and Management' at M.S Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai
- One Interactive Training cum Exposure visit on 'Tree Improvement Technologies' at the Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore
- Three training programmes on "Positive Attitudinal Changes amongst Forest Officials" organized at Jashipur, Rayagada and G. Udayagiri.
- Two training programmes on "Conservation of Sacred Groves" at Rourkela & Rayagada .
- A training programme on "Nature Guides and Interpreters" has been organized in Satkosia (WL) Sanctuary.
- One Interactive training cum Exposure visit to 'Eco-Tourism Concept, Principles & Business Module Development' at Periyar (Kerala).
- One overseas Study tour to Australia for State Senior Officers in order to learn on innovative community Wildlife and natural resource management.

#### Research:

A 'Nakshatra Bana' 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. Similarly, all the DMU Chiefs with appropriate design developed in consultation with Pathani Samanta Planetarium have been facilitated for establishment of a Nakshatra Bana at Districts Head Quarters or nearby places at conspicuous locations to act as a demonstration centre to motivate people, VSS members, and school & college students for planting trees.

#### PROGRESS OF OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- (i) 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. The Project has already been completed and final report has been received.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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 for improving the livelihood of the villagers.
- (iv) Study on "JFM implementation models in Orissa" has already been completed through M/s Amity School of Natural Resources & Sustainable Management, Noida 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

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participatory forest governance, sustainable forest management and equitable community gains.

- (v) Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi has undertaken the research project on Silvicultural Studies on 'Phasi' for growth studies, local volume table, candidate plus trees (CPT), for standard silvicultural interventions in forests and for raising quality planting material.
- (vi) Experimental studies on Casuarina have been initiated through D.F.O, Balasore (WL) Division and State Silviculturist, BBSR for studying the growth behavior of Casuarina and Bio-mass production in various sites and to standardize nursery techniques for raising Quality Planting Material.
- (vii) Study on "Biodiversity of Mandargiri", a proposed Biodiversity Heritage site has been undertaken by Angul DMU with the Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS) guided by Dr. Prathush Mohapatra and Dr. Prasad Dash.
- (viii) An assessment of impact of cattle stall-feeding by raising fodder crop and encouraging stall feeding of the livestock and restricting cattle grazing in cluster of VSS is being undertaken through DFO, Bonai Forest Division for its impact on natural regeneration in nearby forests.

#### **Publications:**

The Quarterly Newsletter (both in English & Odiya) of the project has been regularly published and circulated. Further, following documentation and publications were brought out by the Project during this year:

- o Brochure on Crab Culture & Fattening
- o Annual Activity Report-2009-10
- o Institutional Strengthening performance assessment 2nd Batch VSS.
- o Process Document
- o Quest for Convergence
- o Sameekhya 2010 (English)

#### **Monitoring & Evaluation:**

**Mid Term Evaluation:** The Midterm Evaluation of the Project has been completed by 'Sambodhi Research and Communication Pvt Ltd'. The findings on ecological assessment, institutional assessment, socio-economic assessment and performance review of programmes implemented upto 4<sup>th</sup> year along with their concluding report was noted by the Committee.

**Household level Socio-economic Baseline Survey phase-II:** 'Household level socio-economic survey for phase-II' has been completed and final report submitted.

**Second Third Party Independent Verification:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Third Party verification of Assets has been completed and final report submitted. The process of assessment of performances of VSS in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> batches and important findings on VSS gradations, institutional sustainability, gender equity, forest protection, and involvement in programme implementation were noted by the Committee.

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**Review of the Project Activities during 2011:**

- GB Meeting: The 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> GB Meetings were held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 and 28<sup>th</sup> October respectively under chairmanship of the Agriculture Production Commissioner, where the Project activities were reviewed.
- Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI: The project activities were quarterly reviewed on 28.02.2011, 16.09.2011 and 12.12.2011 by MoEF. The Project progress was also reviewed by the Union Secretary, MoEF at New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Project Director and Joint Project Director (IME) attended these Review meetings and made presentations on the Project activities. These meetings were attended by representatives from JICA, India.
- JICA Mission Review: A JICA Mission Team comprising Mr. Vineet Sarin, Lead Development Specialist and Ms. Miho Horikawa, Representative JICA visited the project from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July. They had on spot study in Balasore DMU & Bhadrakh DMU and interacted with the EDC Members and Project facilitators. A Review Meeting was organized at PMU with Officers of PMU, GC Experts along with all the DMU Chiefs on 29.07.2011, where the DMU Chiefs made presentations before the Team. The team had a wrap up meeting with the Principal Secretary, F&E and PMU Officers on 30.07.2011.
- Hon'ble Minister, Forest & Environment, Odisha reviewed the project on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.
- The Project Director and the JPD (IME) attended the Experience Sharing Workshop of JICA Assisted Forestry Projects on 'Impacts & Challenges', at New Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011. JICA has identified the strength of OFSDP with best practices of autonomous institutionalization for implementation, transparent and enabled handling of project fund and execution by VSS, and convergence at VSS level.

The annual activity report for 2010-11 was approved. The HPC further directed on project activities as given below :

- (i) The physical progress on plans of VSS/EDC under project fold is to be expedited to fully utilize the fund sanctioned.
- (ii) Forest Department shall explore utilization of fund meant for non-JFM mode forest restoration to maximum extent possible in 2012 and alternatively for balance in JFM mode.
- (iii) The knowledge and experience gained from implementations and evaluations, and their reports shall be shared with training institutions of State Government for dissemination, experience sharing as well as for incorporation into training courses and training modules of Forestry and other Civil Services.
- (iv) The project's good results are to be consolidated to make intervention sustainable. An workshop for share and practice of developments and performance reported on assessments & evaluations is to be organized in well structured manner in the upcoming annual 'Sameekhya' of the project with participation of VSS/EDC.

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**Agenda Item No.2: Approval of the Budget for the year 2011-12:**

The budget for ₹1107.38 million for the year 2011-12 was agreed by the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 respectively.

<b>BUDGET OF OFSDP FOR 2011-12</b>	
<b>Components</b>	<b>₹ in Million</b>
Preparatory Work	26.82
Strengthening of Executing Body	16.34
Capacity Building of VSSs	39.99
Community/Tribal Development	118.1
Biodiversity Conservation	46.74
Forest Management under JFM Mode	416.31
Forest Management under Non-JFM Mode	120.30
Farm Forestry Development	2.07
Infrastructure Development	20.22
Forest Research	4.97
Publicity and Communication	1.2
Monitoring and Evaluation	11.15
Price escalation +Physical Contingency	12.10
<b>Total (Excluding consultancy)</b>	<b>836.3</b>
Consulting services including contingency	28.0
<b>Total JBIC Loan</b>	<b>864.30</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>1107.38 or, 110.73 Crore</b>

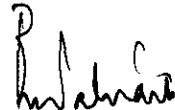
The Committee approved the budget for 2011-12.

**Agenda Item No.3: Altering the name of the Society to 'Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society'**

The project director proposed altering the name of the Society as 'Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society' in pursuance of The Orissa (Alteration of Name) Act, 2011. The committee approved the proposal.

Thereafter the 'Capacity Building Compendium' and OFSDP Newsletter for July-September, 2011 was released by the Chairperson.

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

  
**( B.K. Patnaik, IAS )**  
 Chief Secretary, Odisha  
 President OFSDS & Chairperson, HPC.

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## LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Position
1.	Sri B.K. Patnaik, IAS	Chief Secretary, Odisha & President, OFSDS	Chairperson
2.	Sri R.N. Senapati, IAS	Agriculture Production Commissioner, Odisha	Vice-Chairperson
3	Sri P.N. Padhi, IFS	PCCF, Odisha	Member
4	Sri J.D. Sharma, IFS	PCCF(WL), Odisha & CWLW, Odisha	Member
5.	Sri A.K. Mishra, IA&AS	Special Secretary, Finance Department representing Principal Secretary, Finance Department	Member
6.	Sri R.K. Sharma, IAS	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Odisha, Forest & Environment Department	Member
7.	Sri R.K. Sharma, IAS	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department	Member
8.	Dr. A.K. Padhee, IAS	Director, Special Projects representing Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Panchayati Raj Dept.	Member
9.	Sri S.K. Popli, IFS	Director (ST & SC) -cum-Addl. Secretary, representing Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST&SC Development Department	Member
10.	Dr. R.V. Singh, IFS	OSD & Special Secretary to Govt, Planning & Co-ordination Department	Member
11.	Sri Vinod Kumar, IFS	Project Director, OFSDP	Member Secretary
12.	Sri. Debidutta Biswal, IFS	Joint Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee
13.	Sri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS	Joint Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee