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From:

Vinod Kumar, IFS,
Project Director & Member Secretary, OFSDS

To:

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

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

Sub: The 7th meeting of the High Power Committee of OFSDS – Proceedings.

Sir,

A copy of the approved Proceedings of the 7th High Power Committee meeting of OFSDS held on 11th June, 2012 at 4.00 PM., in the 2nd Floor Conference Hall of the Secretariat under Chairmanship of Sri B. K. Patnaik, IAS, Chief Secretary, Odisha and President, OFSDS & Chairperson, HPC, is enclosed herewith.

The receipt of the approved proceedings may please be acknowledged.


Yours faithfully,


Project Director &
Member Secretary, OFSDS.

Encl: As above.

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

Copy forwarded to the P.S. to Agriculture Production Commissioner, Odisha for kind information of the Agriculture Production Commissioner, Odisha and Vice-President, OFSDS & Vice-Chairperson, HPC.


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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE HIGH POWER COMMITTEE OF
ORISSA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY HELD ON 11TH JUNE,
2012 AT 4.00 P.M, IN THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE HALL OF THE ODISHA
SECRETARIAT, BHUBANESWAR.**

The 7th 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 11th June, 2012 at 4.00 PM in the 2nd 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 6th meeting of the High Power Committee held on 10th January, 2012 which was communicated to all members vide letter No.341/OFSDP-110/07 dated 24.01.2012, was confirmed by the Committee.

Thereafter, the Project Director gave an overall status of the project performance highlighting the physical and financial achievements so far. Out of the targeted 138,000 ha of ANR, 146,426 ha have been achieved; 11,605 ha of Non JFM teak plantations have been achieved out of a target of 19,000 ha and 2608 ha of coastal plantations have been achieved out of a target of 2810 ha, up to 2011-12.

The Project Director also briefed that out of the total project outlay of Rs 659.79 Crore, Rs 456.84 Crore have been spent up to 2011-12. Further out of the total sanctioned loan of 13,937 million JPY, reimbursements of 7,587 million JPY have been received so far leaving a balance of 6,350 million JPY. Accordingly the balance funds available under the project based on the currency exchange valuation would be around Rs 442 Crore. The Project Director also emphasized that, as per existing activities and additional consolidation for sustainability approved by JICA, around Rs 215 Crore further could be utilized by extended project upto 2014-15 as of now.

The Chief Secretary observed that the Forest department should explore the possibilities of utilizing the balance surplus funds available from JICA. He recommended that further areas and activities need to be identified within the project divisions so that intensification of activities from one scheme only can be possible in these divisions. Further he suggested that funds under other schemes need to be minimized in the existing project divisions so that forest improvement under working plans in these divisions can be fully funded under the project, thereby entirely utilizing the agreed loan

amount. He stressed that the interventions in the project divisions need to be saturated through intensified activities.

The Committee thereafter deliberated on compliance status of the decisions of 6th meeting:

- i. **Physical progress on plans of VSS/EDC:** The project Director informed that during 2011-12, emphasis was consistently made for physical progress with utilization of grant fund by VSS & EDC implementing programmes of OFSDP as per village and forest specific micro-plans and the same has shown improvements. 2061 VSS & EDC of 3 batches had utilized ₹137.09 crores upto 2010-11 and had balance of ₹55.33 crore in their account (audited in 2011-12). 2300 VSS & EDC in 2011-12 with additional grant of ₹32.92 crores have utilized ₹180.13 crores and had balance of ₹45.22 crores (provisional to be audited in 2012-13).
- ii. **Maximum utilization of funds under non-JFM mode:** The Project Director briefed that out of the targeted 19,000 ha under Non-JFM teak plantations, 11,605 ha had been achieved by 2011-12 leaving the gap of 7,395 ha. Based on the efforts made by the project for selection of forest land for teak plantations, additional 1390 ha teak plantations were taken up, taking the total Non JFM plantations to 12,995 ha. The balance 6005 ha shortfalls under Non- JFM mode plantations have been made up under JFM mode, with around additional 11,362 ha.
- iii. **Incorporation of knowledge and experience gained into training curriculum of Forestry and other civil services:** Project Director informed that various training institutions/officers responsible for imparting training of Forest officials and other Civil Services were requested to incorporate OFSDP learning's into their training curriculum and modules.
- iv. **Workshop for sharing best practices:** The Project Director intimated that the annual experience sharing and cross learning workshop 'Sameekhya' 2012 had been organized during 29th Feb and 1st March 2012. Participants included representatives from various VSS/EDC, field functionaries, NGO partners, civil society organizations, representatives of other EAPs joined together to share best practices and analyze project performance and assessment of various components so as to further enhance and strengthen implementation processes.

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 10th January 2012, the project activities have been reviewed during the 14th meeting of the Governing Body held 27th March 2012. The Project Director presented a detailed report on the progress of the project activities so far.

During the course of discussion of the project activities the HPC observed the following:

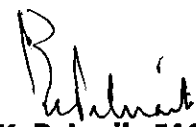
- i. *PCCF, Odisha was requested to guide the implementation of the harvesting scheme of Casuarina plantations in Balasore Division so as to enable replanting of the area using OFSDP funding.*
- ii. *The Chief Secretary emphasized that the Forest Department should explore the possibilities of taking up more area under Non JFM mode and by reducing the block plantation targets under other schemes in the project divisions. The PCCF, Odisha was requested to provide the status of area identified for plantations under working plans, the area planted so far and the balance area available for plantations, in each division.*
- iii. *The ecotourism group at Chotkei, need to be exposed to successful resorts and ecotourism areas so as to build their capacity and improve their services in hospitality management.*
- iv. *The Income generating activities undertaken under the project through small IGA and cluster IGA linkages need to be shared with other implementing agencies like CD Blocks and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM).*

Agenda Item No.2: Approval of the Budget for the year 2012-13:

The Project Director presented the Annual Action Plan and the Budget for the year 2012-13 which was earlier placed before the 14th meetings of the Governing Body held on 27th March 2012. The Committee approved a budget of ₹1369.43 million (₹136.94 Crore) for OFSDP during the year 2012-13.

| EXPENDITURE DURING 2011-12 AND BUDGET OUTLAY FOR 2012-13 (in Million ₹) | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| COMPONENTS | BUDGET ESTIMATE 2011-12 | EXPENDITURE DURING 2011-12 | BUDGET 2012-13 |
| Preparatory Work | 26.82 | 15.23 | 13.21 |
| Strengthening of Executing Body | 16.34 | 4.98 | 42.14 |
| Capacity Building of VSSs | 39.99 | 27.23 | 51.88 |
| Community / tribal development & Capacity building of VSSs | 118.10 | 134.58 | 297.23 |
| Biodiversity Management | 46.74 | 7.11 | 51.48 |
| Forest Management under JFM Mode | 416.31 | 280.93 | 411.93 |
| Forest Management under Non-JFM Mode | 120.30 | 107.19 | 107.35 |
| Farm Forestry Development | 2.07 | 0.13 | 7.00 |
| Infrastructure Development | 20.22 | 14.54 | 33.33 |
| Forest Researches | 4.97 | 3.18 | 4.97 |
| Publicity and Communication | 1.20 | 2.82 | 1.67 |
| Monitoring and Evaluation | 11.15 | 7.41 | 51.54 |
| Price escalation/Physical contingency | 12.10 | | 1.00 |
| Consulting services | 28.00 | 131.33 | 47.50 |
| Interest during construction | 25.85 | 27.81 | 29.63 |
| Total JBIC Loan | 890.16 | 764.47 | 1151.86 |
| NON ELIGIBLE PORTION | | | |
| Govt share | 217.23 | 185.23 | 217.57 |
| Grand total | 1107.39 | 949.70 | 1369.43 |

The Committee observed that the budget proposed for 2012-13 is substantially higher than the previous year. Accordingly the committee suggested that the monthly expenditure status should be reviewed closely so as to meet the targeted financial forecast.


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

Annexure- A

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT

| Sl. No. | Name | Designation | Position |
|---------|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| 1. | Sri B.K. Patnaik, IAS | Chief Secretary, Odisha & President, OFSDS | Chairperson |
| 2. | Dr. R.N. Senapati, IAS | Agriculture Production Commissioner, Odisha | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3 | Sri P.N. Padhi, IFS | PCCF, Odisha | Member |
| 4. | Sri. J.K. Mohapatra, IAS | Principal Secretary, Finance Department | Member |
| 5. | Sri R.K. Sharma, IAS | Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department. | Member |
| 6. | Sri. Taradatt, IAS | Principal Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department | Member |
| 7. | Sri. B.P Singh, IFS | Special Secretary, Forest & Environment Department. | Member |
| 8. | Sri. H.K. Bisht, IFS | CCF, Wildlife representing PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW, Odisha | Member |
| 9. | Sri S.K. Popli, IFS | Director (ST & SC) -cum-Addl. Secretary, representing Commissioner-cum-Secretary, ST&SC Development Department | Member |
| 10. | Mrs. M. Mohanty | Additional Secretary, Planning & Co-ordination Department | Member |
| 11. | Sri. Vinod Kumar, IFS | Project Director, OFSDP | Member Secretary |
| 12. | Sri. Rajiv Kumar, IFS | Joint Project Director, OFSDP | Special Invitee |
| 13. | Sri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS | Joint Project Director, OFSDP | Special Invitee |