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From

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To,

All Members,
Governing Body of
Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS).

[Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha
Special Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department,
Secretary, Nature, Environment and Wild Life Society, Angul]

Sub: 16th Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS – Proceedings.

Sir,

A copy of the approved proceedings of the 16th meeting of the Governing Body of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) held on 27th April, 2013, chaired by Shri R.K. Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Forest and Environment Department, is enclosed herewith for your reference and record.

Yours faithfully,


Joint Project Director(A&F)

Encl: As above.

Copy forwarded to P.S to Principal Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha for kind information of the Principal Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department, Government of Odisha.


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Proceedings of the 16th Meeting of the Governing Body of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society, held on 27th April 2013 at 4.00 pm in the Conference Hall of Revenue and Disaster Management Department

The sixteenth meeting of the Governing Body of the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held on 27th April 2013, under the chairmanship of Shri. R.K. Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Forest and Environment Department.

The list of members present is at *Annexure-I*.

The Project Director welcomed all members and special invitees to the meeting and initiated the discussions, agenda wise.

1. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 15th meeting:

The Project Director informed that the approved proceedings of the 15th Governing Body meeting held on 12th October, 2012 was sent to all the members in PMU's letter No.3007/OFSDP/110 (Vol.IV)/2007 dated 9.11.2012. No comments were received.

The minutes of the last proceeding was confirmed.

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

i. Compliance to the observations of JICA mission's visit during September 2012:

The Project Director informed that the compliances to the observations of JICA mission's visit to the project areas during September 2012 have been communicated to the Senior Representative, JICA vide letter no. 1241/OFSDP-89/2008 dated 17th April 2013.

ii. Additional Action plan for ₹ 20 Crore instead of surrendering the amount:

The Project Director briefed that the surrender of Rs 20.00 Crore was not done and the funds were taken by the Society. Additional action plans were made for ₹ 20 Crore and accordingly funds were released to the DMUs and these activities are currently under various stages of implementation. The total expenditure made by the project during 2012-13 was ₹ 110.57 Crore against ₹ 90 Crore grants received. The limitations at field units on manpower were briefed. The GB however, observed that full utilization of project budget 2012-13 for ₹ 136.94 Crore along with additional action plan of ₹ 20 Crore could have been made on project works.

iii. Vigorous monitoring of Fund Utilization:

The Project Director highlighted that the fund utilization was monitored by PMU continuously as well as by PCCF, Odisha in Dec 2012, which improved work execution and utilization by March 2013.

iv. Advance planning for 2013-14 and fixing of targets:

The Targets for 2013-14 including additional action plan targets of 2012-13 on capacity building of VSS, IGA, solar power fences, water bodies, infrastructures, community development and forest management under non-JFM model have been



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fixed for Divisions during December 2012 to March 2013 itself and accordingly BE for 2013-14 was proposed.

v. Engaging qualified personnel from CA firms for compilation of expenditure at VSS:

The Project Director intimated that CA firm's representatives had been engaged by PMU for improving accounting of funds utilized on works executed. This has been initiated in 3 DMUs namely Rayagada, Koraput and Jeypore DMUs and necessary follow up has begun. This has shown good results upto March 2013.

The Governing body directed that the CA personnel should be engaged in all DMUs for facilitating and expediting timely accounting and compilation of expenditures.

vi. Utilizing unspent grant:

Project Director informed that all DMUs had been instructed to utilize the unspent balance funds lying with them and their FMUs by March, 2013. The progress as on March 2013 will be brought before the Governing Body after completion of verification of accounts for 2012-13.

vii. Deployment of DMU Support Team at DMU:

There are around 25 posts of FES vacant in the project divisions. In the last GB meeting a proposal was moved for deploying multidisciplinary specialists on contractual basis where ever FES vacancies were present. After detailed discussions, the GB decided to pursue the filling up of vacant FES posts with the Government.

3. Review of approved action plan for 2012-13 and progress there upon:

The Project Director presented a brief report on the progress of implementation of project activities upto 2012-13. During the FY 2012-13, ₹ 110.57 crore was utilized out of a budget of ₹ 136.94 Crore. The activities approved by JICA under the 'Savings Utilization Plan' were initiated during 2012-13. The project could utilize 80% of the budget outlay planned for 2012-13. The Project Director also briefed that ₹ 20.97 Crore remained available as unspent with the DMUs at end of March 2013, with prescribed activities under various stages of implementation.

The Governing Body discussed on the progress of various project components and observed that the findings of the research studies should be shared with a wide range of officers for sharing the findings and building forward linkages for implementation and management.

4. Annual Action Plan and Budget for 2013-14

The Annual Plan for 2013-14 was presented before the GB. The activities planned are mainly focused on the consolidation activities that are to be taken up for various project components. The budget outlay for 2013-14 for ₹ 144.94 Crore was approved by the GB as shown.

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BUDGET OUTLAY 2013-14	
COMPONENTS	BUDGET (Rs In Million)
Preparatory Work	
Strengthening of Executing Body	34.55
Capacity Building of VSSs	71.96
Community / tribal development & Capacity building of VSSs	339.13
Biodiversity Management	29.50
Forest Management under JFM Mode	272.23
Forest Management under Non-JFM Mode	145.30
Farm Forestry Development	70.00
Infrastructure Development	110.00
Forest Researches	5.00
Publicity and Communication	2.00
Monitoring and Evaluation	70.47
Price escalation/Physical contingency	
Consulting services	30.00
Interest during construction	40.00
Total JBIC Loan	1219.87
NON ELIGIBLE PORTION	
Government share	229.60
Grand total	1449.47

The GB deliberated the activities proposed in the Budget and made the following recommendations:

- i. While implementing works like Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries, Construction/Improvement of Permanent Nursery and Forest-type Improvement it needs to be ensured that the area selected should not have any duplication of funding under other schemes for the same activity.
- ii. Under the 'Savings Utilization Plan' there is provision for uprooting of weeds in AR teak plantation sites. The GB decided that the sites selected should be need-based with proper monitoring and photo-documentation. This activity should be implemented in consultation with PCCF, Odisha.
- iii. A concept note needs to be developed for formulating a proposal for availing second phase loan assistance from JICA.
- iv. The budget available for strengthening Forest guards and Forest School will be utilized for creating training and accommodation facilities for VSS members in all training schools.

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5. Revision of salary of Support Staff

The GB approved the revised wages for the categories of employees namely Peon, Sweeper and Gardener engaged in OFSDP through Service Provider based on the revised minimum wages approved by the State Government vide notification No. 8536-LL-I(AR)-2/12/LESI dated 6.10.2012. The revised wages approved are as follows.

Name of the Post	Monthly remuneration (Excluding statutory payment)	Statutory payment paid to the Service Provider in addition to the Monthly remuneration		Present Total cost	Category as per Labour Department	Monthly remuneration (Excluding statutory payment) as per minimum wage rate	Statutory payment to be paid to the Service Provider in addition to the Monthly remuneration		Total cost as per minimum wage rate
		Employer contribution for EPF @ 13.61%	Employer contribution of ESI @ 4.75%				Employer contribution for EPF @ 13.61%	Employer contribution of ESI @ 4.75%	
Peon	4,000/-	544/-	190/-	4,734/-	Un Skilled @ 150/-	4,500/-	612/-	214/-	5326/-
Gardener	4,000/-	544/-	190/-	4,734/-	Un Skilled @ 150/-	4,500/-	612/-	214/-	5326/-
Sweeper	4,000/-	544/-	190/-	4,734/-	Un Skilled @ 150/-	4,500/-	612/-	214/-	5326/-

6. Approval of Annual Activity Report 2011-12 with Audit Report.

The activity report and the Audit Report for the year 2011-12 were approved by the Governing Body.

R.K. Sharma
30/4/13

(R.K. Sharma, IAS)
Principal Secretary

Forest and Environment Department

Annexure-I

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Position
1.	Shri.R.K. Sharma, IAS	Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department	Chairman
2.	Shri P. N. Padhi, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha	Member
3.	Shri J. D. Sharma, IFS	Principal CCF (WL) and CWLW, Odisha	Member
4.	Shri S.S Srivastava, IFS	Special Secretary, F&E Department.	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	Additional Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee
8.	Shri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS	Joint Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee