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From

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To,

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

[Principal Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department,
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(NEWS), Angul]

Sub: 17th Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS – Proceedings.

Sir,

A copy of the approved proceedings of the 17th meeting of the Governing Body of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) held on 11th November, 2013, chaired by Shri U. N. Behera, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department and Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS, is enclosed herewith for your reference and record.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.


Project Director &
Member Secretary, OFSDS

Copy forwarded to P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Finance Department and Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS alongwith a copy of the approved proceedings of the 17th meeting of Governing Body of OFSDS for kind information of the Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt., Finance Department and Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS.


Project Director &
Member Secretary, OFSDS.

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Proceedings of the 17th meeting of the Governing Body of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society, held on 11th November, 2013 in the conference hall of Finance Department

The seventeenth meeting of the Governing Body of the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held on 11th November, 2013, under the chairmanship of Shri U.N. Behera, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance 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 16th meeting:

The Project Director informed that the approved proceedings of the 16th Governing Body meeting held on 27th April, 2013 were sent to the members in PMU's letter No.1364/OFSDP/110 (Vol.IV)/2007 dated 03.05.2013. 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. *Ensuring non- duplication of funding under other schemes for the same activity on the same area :*

Project Director informed that while implementing works like Consolidation and Demarcation of Forest Boundaries, Construction/Improvement of Permanent Nursery and Forest-type Improvement it was ensured that the area selected has not been treated in past 5 years and planned for current year under any other scheme by the Division.

- ii. *Need based uprooting of weeds in AR Teak plantation sites :*

Project Director reiterated that funds have been released to the DMUs for uprooting of weeds in AR Teak plantation sites only after proper assessment in the field by the DMU Chiefs. He highlighted the works undertaken during 2012-13 and targeted works during 2013-14 and informed the members that works have been undertaken as per the appropriate trainings provided in the field and guidelines issued.

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iii. *Formulation of proposal for availing second phase loan assistance from JICA :*

Project Director informed the members that action has already been initiated for formulation of proposal for availing second phase loan assistance from JICA. Preliminary discussions have already been made under the chairmanship of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, Odisha. Further, a core team under the chairmanship of Project Director, OFSDP has already been constituted for preparation of draft report for final deliberations.

Chairman suggested to submit the Draft Report to Forest & Environment Department, Government of Odisha by January, 2013 so that the final Project proposal can be submitted to JICA, MoEF, Govt. of India & DEA, Govt. of India by end of March, 2013 for their considerations.

iv. *Strengthening of Forest Guards and Foresters Schools :*

Project Director briefed on the progress made on Strengthening of Forest Guards and Foresters Schools in the State. He informed that approval has been accorded for strengthening of Foresters Training School, Bhubaneswar based on the detailed plan and estimate prepared by IDCO and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Forester's Training School, Bhubaneswar has been instructed to execute the agreement with IDCO for execution of works. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Training & Development has been requested to submit proposals with master plans for the campus and curriculum for strengthening of other Forest Guards and Foresters Schools at Angul, Champua, Jeypore and G.Udaygiri where support from other schemes are also underway.

3. Review of approved action plan for 2013-14 and progress there upon:

Project Director presented a brief report on the progress of implementation of project activities during 2013-14 (upto October, 13). Out of total revised outlay of ₹ 802 Crore, the project has so far utilized ₹ 607.64 Crore of which ₹ 512.53 Crore is JICA loan component reimbursed. Against budget provision of ₹ 144.947 Crore during the financial year 2013-14, Rs. 49.458 Crore has been utilized upto October, 2013. Chairman expressed concern over slow progress of expenditure and emphasized for expediting field works with utilisation. Project Director briefed that since most of the field works of consolidation activities are now executed in Oct-Dec 2013, more physical and financial progress is expected in the coming months.

The Governing Body discussed on the progress of various project components and observed that though the target for block plantation under JFM mode has been achieved there is a short fall for Artificial Regeneration (AR Teak) under Non- JFM mode and Casuarina plantation. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha briefed the members the reason

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behind non- harvesting of old Casuarina plantation and consequently non- availability of suitable lands for Casuarina plantation. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, Odisha further raised the issue on progress made for construction of balance 5 nos. of Eco- cottages at Nature Camp, Chotkei, since Chief Secretary, Odisha during last HPC meeting categorically advised to provide the same, where developments have been highly encouraging. Project Director explained that due to certain objections raised by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) and Chief Wild life Warden, Odisha further progress in the matter could not be achieved. While appreciating the initiatives taken for conservation of Sacred Groves, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha requested for submission of a brief report on progress made on conservation of different Sacred Groves by the Project for appraisal of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha.

The Governing Body further desired to analyse the achievements on physical targets and financial targets additionally fixed on approval of Savings Utilisation Plan for period of 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 as well as the revised physical targets of project components with extended period upto 2014-15. The Project Director to do the needful and apprise the Administrative Department in Government and the GB in next meeting.

4. Approval of Internal Audit Report on the accounts of OFSDS for the financial year 2012-13.

The Internal Audit Report on the accounts for OFSDS for the financial year 2012-13 prepared by M/S S.R.B and associates was placed before the Governing Body.

G.B observed on utilisation of grants received so far within FY 2013-14. Further, they seriously observed for the outstanding advances on FMUs (Ranges) being very high on 31.03.2013 and directed that all action be made to keep the advance remaining with FMUs low/Nil from November 2013 regularly to ensure the same to be positively nil by PMU and DMUs at the end of the current financial year.

The Internal Audit Report on the accounts for OFSDS for the financial year 2012-13 was approved

5. Audit Certificate for the financial year 2011-12 issued by the AG, Odisha

Project Director appraised the G.B on the audit observation in course of test check of Project accounts in respect of OFSDP for the F.Y 2011-12 and the compliances made on each of the point of observation. The GB took note of the status.

6. Deployment of Support Staffs on contractual basis at DMUs


Project Director appraised the G.B on numbers of vacancies arising in the posts of Forest Extension Supervisors (FES) to the different Project Divisions and sought approval of engagement of a "DMU Support Team" (DST) consisting of 3 specialists on contractual basis who will be engaged at the DMU level based on the vacancies arising in the FES posts.

After much deliberations, G.B approved contractual engagement of "DMU Support Team" (DST) consisting of 3 specialists on contractual basis limiting to period upto March 2015 only with remuneration as approved by the Government for EAPs. These specialists will be engaged at the DMU level based on the vacancies arising in the FES posts.

The DST will have three multidisciplinary Specialists namely DST- Finance, DST- Community Development and DST- Natural Resources Management.

DMU Support Team Member	Qualification	Experience	Consolidated Remuneration
Finance Officer	CA/ICWA/M.Com. Inter (CA)/Inter (ICWA)/M.Com	>5 years	Rs. 30,000
Community Development Specialist	PG in Rural Management/ PG in MSW/ Sociology/ Anthropology/ Rural Development	>5 years	Rs. 30,000
Natural Resources Management Specialist	PG in Agriculture/ Agriculture Engineering/ Post Graduate in Forestry	>5 years	Rs. 30,000

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and all members.


(U.N. Behera, IAS)

Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Finance Department. and
Chairperson, Governing Body, OFSDS

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Annexure-I**LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Position
1.	Shri U. N. Behera, IAS	Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt., Finance Department	Chairperson
2.	Shri.R.K. Sharma, IAS	Principal Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department	Member
3.	Shri P. N. Padhi, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha	Member
4.	Shri H.K. Bisht, IFS	Representative of Principal CCF (WL) and CWLW, Odisha	Member
5.	Shri S.S Srivastava, IFS	Special Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department	Member
6.	Shri P. K. Behera	Secretary, NEWS, Angul	Member
7	Shri Vinod Kumar, IFS	Principal CCF & Project Director, OFSDP	Member Secretary
8	Shri Rajiv Kumar, IFS	Additional Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee