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From

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To,

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

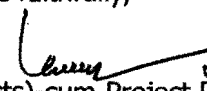
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha  
Special Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department,  
Secretary, Nature, Environment and Wild Life Society(NEWS), Angul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

Sub: 18<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting of OFSDS – Proceedings.

Sir,


A copy of the approved proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body of Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014 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,

  
Principal CCF(Projects)-cum-Project Director &  
Member Secretary, OFSDS

Encl: As above.

Copy forwarded to P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Finance Department and Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS along with a copy of the approved proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

  
Principal CCF(Projects)-cum-Project Director &  
Member Secretary, OFSDS

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ODISHA  
FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY, TO BE HELD ON 22.02.2014 IN THE  
CONFERENCE HALL OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

The eighteenth meeting of the Governing Body of the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014, 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 17<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The Project Director informed that the approved proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 were communicated to the members vide letter No.3635/OFSDP-110(Vol.IV)/2007 dated 20.11.2013. 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. *Formulation of proposal for availing second phase loan assistance from JICA***

The Project Director informed that the draft project proposal for OFSDP Phase-II has been formulated and submitted during January 2014 to the Forest & Environment Department. Thereafter based on the suggestions of the department the proposal was further revised and re-submitted in February 2014.

**ii. *Progress and status on saving utilization plan approved in 2011-12***

The Project Director briefed that the detailed status on project as per original approved components and additional physical and financial targets fixed with saving utilization plan (SUP) from 2011-12 onwards has been submitted to the Administrative Department in November 2013. Further the updated physical and financial progress upto January 2014 along with balance action plan upto 2014-15 was also shared with the members.

**iii. *Reporting on Sacred Groves activities under OFSDP.***

The Project Director presented the status on development and progress of 130 sacred groves under OFSDP. The details were also submitted to the Forest and Environment Department earlier during November 2013.

**iv. *Approval of Internal Audit Report for the financial year 2012-13 and actions on heavy cash balance at FMU level***

The Project Director informed that based on the observations of the Governing Body, action was taken by way of instructing the DMU Chiefs to report full utilization of available fund at FMU from FY 2012-13 and then to minimize the same with regular monthly expenditure on funds of FY 2013-14. Accordingly, as per the reports received from all 14 DMUs, unutilized fund upto 2012-13 has subsisted in 3 DMUs of Keonjhar, Koraput, Balliguda and rayagada where funds have been misappropriated by the Forest Rangers in charge 6 FMUs of Telkoi & Patna, Balda & Naraynapatna, Kotgarh and Tikiri. Disciplinary & recovery action against the defaulting persons have been instituted by the Divisional Forest Officers cum DMU Chief. Besides, GA (Vigilance) Department has also undertaken investigation and criminal proceeding against Forest Officers concerned in Koraput and Balliguda DMUs. Further, the DMU Chiefs have been instructed to ensure full expenditure on project work with current advances in all 79 FMUs, for refund of idle fund and to make the balance with the FMUs 'Nil' as on 31.3.2014.

**v. *Engagement of Support Staffs on contractual basis at DMUs***

The Project Director appraised the G.B on the action taken for engagement of DMU support team (DST) on contractual basis against the vacancies arising in the 14 DMUs (Balliguda, Jeypore, Rayagada, Rourkela, Keonjhar, Deogarh, Parlakhemundi, Phulbani, Koraput, Bonai, Angul, Balasore WL, Bhadrak WL & Satkosia WL). Applications were invited through Advertisement and the selection of candidates shall be completed in February, 2014.

**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 upto January, 2014 during FY 2013-14. For the project, total ₹ 653.28 crores against revised Project cost of ₹ 802.30 crores has been spent upto Jan 2014. JICA's total reimbursement upto Dec 2013 is 9947.963 million Japanese Yen against total sanctioned loan of 13,937 million Japanese Yen. ₹ 86.45 crore has been so far utilized. Reimbursement claims of ₹55.62 crores upto Dec 2013 have been received. State Government grant for 2013-14 has been received for ₹ 75.91 crores at PMU and ₹ 18.59 crores is allocation for PCCF, Odisha.

Project Director emphasized that the vegetation change analysis for all the treatment sites under both JFM and Non-JFM areas will be undertaken by the Geomatics Centre of the PMU. Further a web-GIS facility has also been developed and launched by the project which integrates GIS and MIS data in a common user friendly platform. Chairman expressed that necessary support for mitigation and prevention of forest fire should be strengthened through

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modern firefighting systems and information dissemination. Chairman also emphasized that consolidation of all forest blocks in the project divisions should be taken up and recording of DGPS readings should be prioritized.

**4. Review of administration of Catchment Area Treatment Plan and Ama Jangala Yojana from 2013-14 at OFSDS.**

Project Director briefed the members on the two new projects Catchment Area Treatment Plan and Ama Jangala Yojana, provided to the OFSDS for implementation by the Forest and Environment Department.

**The Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CATP)** was approved by Government of Odisha vide Resolution No. 10F (Cons) 24/2013- 12683/F&E dated 20.06.2013 for implementation for the Upper Indravati Multipurpose Project and for the Upper Kolab Hydro Electric Project over a period of 10 years in the districts of Koraput, Rayagada, Kalahandi and Nabarangpur. At State level, PCCF (Projects)-cum-PD, OFSDP will act as Nodal Officer. The High Power Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha has been constituted with 12 members. A Catchment Treatment Plan Cell at the project Management unit of OFSDS has been established.

- (a) The plan implementation period is for 10 years commencing from 2013-14. Total cost of implementation approved is ₹ 595.634 crores including institutional cost of ₹17.57 crores. The institutional cost shall be met by the Odisha Hydro Power Corporation Ltd (OHPC). The plan implementation cost shall be met from IWMP mainly and with convergence of other schemes.
- (b) The balance treatment area assessed after previous years interventions is 3,683 sq km in 62 clusters of micro-watersheds.
- (c) The State Nodal Unit for the purpose will function at the Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS). The plan for two catchments at District level will be implemented by two Project Units separately located at Bhawanipatna and Koraput. Project level Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Revenue Divisional Commissioner (Southern Division), Berhampur will function for each project to monitor the progress of implementation.
- (d) The Project Director and CEO, OFSDS in position has been re-designated as the PCCF (Projects)-cum-PD, OFSDP to act as the Nodal Officer at State Level. Pending creation of the post of Project Manager (DFO rank) at two project Units of Bhawanipatna and Koraput, the Divisional Forest Officers of Kalahandi(South) Division and of Koraput

Division have been appointed as the Project Managers for CATP for Upper Indravati Multipurpose Project & Upper Kolab Hydro-electric Project respectively.

- (e) The management of human resources and accounting would be as approved & implemented for OFSDP.
- (f) M&E of the plans would be primarily with base line of silt load and vegetation cover and other measurable indicators.

The HPC in their inaugural meeting approved above action plan for 2013-14 and a budget of ₹ 130.08 lakhs for 2013-14 on transfer basis from OHPC to State Nodal Unit. The funds from OHPC have been received during Feb 2014. In the meanwhile, the Forest & Environment Department has allowed initiating the programme with saving of OFSDS on interest earning from fund of AJY.

Project Director, briefed that the establishment of Units, recruitment of manpower and preparation of Preliminary Project Reports (PPR) for 10 clusters covering about 50,000 ha from two Catchment Area have been commenced. The PPRs shall be submitted in Feb 2014 for IWMP support of GOI through Odisha Watershed Development Mission.

**'Ama Jangala Yojana'**, was approved by Forest and Environment Department for implementation from 2013-14 vide letter No.1 AFFN-3/2013/916/F8sE dated 17.01.2014 for implementation through Odisha Forestry Sector Development Society. The Project Management Unit of OFSDP is the Headquarter office of the Society. This Unit will have a Community Forest Protection and Management Programme Cell (CFPMPC), which will be financed and managed under the State Plan of 'Community Forest Protection and Management'. The administrative structure and operation manual along with accounting procedure for functioning of the AJY scheme at the level of the DFOs heading the Divisional Management Units of OFSDS shall be as per Operational Manual of OFSDP.


The Project Director informed that under Ama Jangala Yojana, the PCCF (Projects) will be assisted by 3 supervisory level officers, one in the rank of CCF/CF and two in the rank of DCF. The G.B decided that since there are shortage of officers to be deployed by the State Government, the OFSDS may engage specialists/Technical experts on contractual basis in the equivalent positions. Further ₹ 10.00 Crore is available for implementation of Ama Jangala Yojana under the State Plan. Further funds under CAMPA which was approved in the Action Plan of 2012-13 for ₹ 53.20 Crore need to be placed with OFSDS for commencement of all field activities including survey and demarcation of VSS assigned areas.

## 5. Approval for Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project Phase II

Project Director briefed the members on the proposed OFSDP Phase II. The project is proposed for implementation from 2015-16 to 2022-23 covering 20 districts. The project will aim at improving the forest ecosystem by promoting sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation through Joint Forest Management approach. The project will cover 12 Forest divisions namely Ghumsur (South), Ghumsur (North), Boudh, Bolangir, Subarnapur, Khariar, Kalahandi (South), Kalahandi (North), Sambalpur (North), Sambalpur (South), Rairakhol and Sundergarh covering all the major project components; 5 Wildlife divisions namely Mahanadi, Sunabeda, Bamra, Hiraikud and Anandpur for Biodiversity Conservation; and 5 Forest divisions namely Berhampur, Bargarh Khordha, Cuttack, Dhenkanal including Puri Wildlife Division for Farm Forestry.

The draft project proposal at an estimated project cost for Rs. 1739.50 crores was deliberated and approved by the G.B.

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

## 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 J.D. Sharma, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha	Member
4.	Shri S.S. Srivastava, IFS	Principal CCF (WL) and CWLW, Odisha	Member
5.	Dr. Debabrata Swain, 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 S.C. Mishra, IFS	Additional PCCF, CAMPA	Special Invitee
9.	Shri L. K. Tewari, IFS	Additional Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee
10.	Shri Debidutta Biswal, IFS	Additional Secretary, F & E Department	Special Invitee
11.	Shri R. Raghu Prasad, IFS	Joint Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee
12.	Shri S.N. Mohapatra, IFS	Joint Project Director, OFSDP	Special Invitee