



ORISSA FORESTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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To

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

(Principal Secretary to Govt. Forest & Environment Department
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Wild Life
Special Secretary Forest & Env. Dept.)

Sub: - Special meeting of the Governing Body of OFSDS – Proceedings of

Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Governing Body of the OFSDS held on 6th August, 2007 at 10.45 A.M. in the office Chamber of the Agriculture Production Commissioner, Bhubaneswar under the Chairmanship of Sri S.P. Nanda, Agriculture Production Commissioner & Chairperson of the Governing Body of the OFSDS.

Yours Faithfully

Arun K. Bansal
Project Director
& Member Secretary OFSDS

Encl. As above

Copy forwarded to the P.S to the Agriculture Production Commissioner & Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS, for kind information of the Agriculture Production Commissioner & Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS.

Copy forwarded to the P.S to the Chief Secretary and President of OFSDS for kind information of the Chief Secretary & President of OFSDS.

Copy forwarded to Mr. K. Nakagawa, Chief Representative, JBIC, New Delhi for kind information.

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Project Director
& Member Secretary OFSDS

**Revised Proceeding of the Special Meeting of the Governing Body of
Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society held on 6.8.07
in the office Chamber of Agriculture Production Commissioner.**

The Meeting was chaired by Sri S.P. Nanda, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner & Chairperson of the Governing Body of the Society.

The list of the members present is at **Annexure-1**

Chairperson welcomed all the members and special invitees, and asked the Member Secretary & Project Director to initiate the discussion.

Project Director, OFSDP informed that the Special GB Meeting has been convened to consider two proposals, namely raising of Coastal Plantations in Bhadrak and Balasore WL divisions along with support for dairy activity, received from the Field Director STR and CF Baripada, in pursuance of the decision taken at the second meeting of GB held on 17th May 2007, and another for raising Fodder Plantations along with promotion of Dairy Activity in Mohana and Chandragiri ranges of Parlakhemundi Division in Gajapati District furnished by the CF Berhampur Circle.

Thereafter, the agenda items were discussed one by one.

Agenda Item # 1. Coastal Plantation in Bhadrak and Balasore WL divisions:

Project Director and Member Secretary informed that the proposal is for planting 100 ha. Mangrove each in Bhadrak and Balasore divisions, and raising plantation of Casurina over 110 ha. in Balasore division and 20 ha. in Bhadrak division. The scheme proposes constitution of VSS/EDC on the periphery of planting sites, where such committees do not exist. The scheme also envisages promotion of Dairy Development Societies in the villages to be linked to the Milk marketing chain of OMFED to augment income of forest dependent villagers.

The Principal Secretary, F&E Department observed that buffalo grazing in Mangrove forests along the coast of Bhadrak and Balasore has severely depleted natural mangroves for which in addition to Plantations, appropriate measure to manage the cattle and buffalo population need to be put in place for safeguarding mangrove areas. And unless alternative avocation such as diary development to manage the livestock of graziers is made, it would be difficult to wean them away from grazing. For which income generating activity such as diary development would be a suitable option.

The PCCF (WL), Orissa, opined that cost norm for digging Fish Bone Channels for Mangrove Plantations are inadequate and suggested that they need to be Rs.50000/- per hectare against Rs.25000/- as proposed. However, in some areas fish bone channels may not be required. PCCF observed that the cost norm have been decided in the course of deliberations with SAPROF and also subsequently discussed during the visit of the Project Appraisal Mission. Project Director informed that such upward revision of cost norms will require concurrence of JBIC to ensure that there is no problems in reimbursement of expenditure by JBIC. Principal Secretary, F&E Department suggested that we limit expenditure within the projected costs. After detailed deliberations it was decided to stick to the projected cost for mangrove plantations. However, site specific variations will be permissible within the overall fund available for 2100 ha. of mangrove plantations for which PCCF Wild Life was requested to make quick initial estimates of area requiring higher funds for fish bone channels and area not requiring such channels.

PCCF also observed that keeping the over all target of 2100 ha., it will be desirable to take proportionately higher areas for plantation this year itself, if possible. The PCCF (WL) suggested that higher areas will not be possible during this year. The Principal Secretary, F&E Department observed that the target area of planting may be decided in due course, but other activities including VSS formation, trench fencing, formation of cooperatives may take place without delay to provide employment to forest dependent people and to build up their capacity to start IGA.

Regarding the support to Dairy activity, Project Director informed that the Project envisages support for Income Generation Activities through SHGs for which Rs.100,000 is available per VSSs as revolving fund, and for providing training etc. The recurring costs/working capital has to be arranged by the SHGs themselves. The APC observed that Income Generating Activity is to be decided by the VSS following the bottom up approach. The Principal Secy., F&E Department observed that **"while calling meeting in the village for organization of VSS, Forest Official's should play role of advocacy to promoting avocations which reduce pressure on forests"**. After detail deliberations it was decided to take up constitution of VSSs for which Project will release funds as per the Project Provisions. The Division will initiate the process of sensitizing the VSS members about the dairy activities and project will support the same as per the provisions facilitating maximum possible funds with a view to solicit people's participation in planting and diary development activities. The activity will be implemented in collaboration with OMFED ensuring their support to fill up the gaps.

2. Agenda Item # 2 : Cultivation of Fodder grass along with Dairy development:

Regarding the proposal submitted by CF, Berhampur Circle for Paralakhemundi Division for cultivation of Fodder Grass and promotion of dairy activities, the Project Director, OFSDP informed that the DFO has proposed to undertake the activity in 51 villages in Mohana and Chandragiri ranges involving plantation of fodder grass @ 5 ha. per village, along with provision for water harvesting structure and 2 number of fodder nurseries at a total cost of Rs.6.2 Crores including Rs.74 lakh as support to dairy activity. Out of these 51 villages proposed by the DFO, only three villages have been selected under the project during the current year 07-08, and 6 villages are covered under FDA programme. After discussion, it was agreed that as dairy development will not be viable for only a few villages covered under the Project, the proposal of Paralakhemundi Division was dropped.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chairman and participants.

S. P. Nanda
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Agriculture Production Commissioner
& Chairperson, Governing Body
Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society