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From

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Member Secretary, OFSDS

To

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

(Principal Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa  
Special Secretary to Govt., Forest & Environment Department)

Sub: The seventh meeting of the Governing Body of OFSDS – Proceedings.

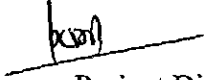
Ref: This office letter No.731/OFSDP-110/2007 dated 16.03.2009.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Approved Proceedings of the seventh meeting of the Governing Body of OFSDS held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 chaired by Shri S.P. Nanda, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS.

Receipt of the same may please be acknowledged.

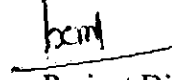
Yours faithfully,

  
Project Director  
& Member Secretary, OFSDS

Enclosure: Copy of Approved Proceedings.

Copy forwarded to the P.S. to Agriculture Production Commissioner along with a copy the Approved Proceedings for kind information of the Agriculture Production Commissioner and Chairperson of the Governing Body of OFSDS.

Copy forwarded to the P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Orissa and President of OFSDS along with a copy of the Approved Proceedings for kind information of the Chief Secretary, Orissa and President of OFSDS.

  
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Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body of Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 at 16.00 Hrs in the office chamber of the Agriculture Production Commissioner & Chairperson Governing Body

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The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body of Orissa Forestry Sector Development Society (OFSDS) was chaired by Sri S.P. Nanda, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Chairperson of the Governing Body of the Society. The list of members present is at Annexure-'A'.

The Chairperson of the Governing Body welcomed the members and the special invitees to the meeting and requested the Project Director and Member Secretary to initiate the discussion.

The following points were discussed.

**Agenda Item No.1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last Governing Body meeting:**

The Project Director informed that the proceedings of the last Governing Body meeting held on 18.08.2008 was communicated to all the members of the Governing Body vide letter No.2931/OFSDP-110/2007, dtd.28.08.2008. No comments have been received. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

**Agenda Item No.2: Compliance of decisions of last Governing Body meeting:**

**(A) Technical Personnel for Project GIS/MIS :**

The Project Director informed that as per the decision of the Governing Body, one GIS Technician and one MIS Technician have been engaged on contractual basis. The selection was done after scrutiny of applications received in response to advertisement in newspapers and project website followed by interview by a broad based committee constituted for the purpose comprising Sri B.K. Swain, Joint Project Director as the Chairperson, and Sri Shalabh Bharadwaj, M&E/MIS Specialist, GC and Sri Ranjan Mallik, GIS Specialist, General Consultant, and one Joint Project Director and one Deputy Project Director as members. Based on the recommendation of the committee offer letters for contractual engagements were issued to the following persons on 5.9.2008:

1. Sri Sudhir Kumar Behera - GIS Technician
2. Sri Swadhin Kumar Mohanty - MIS Technician

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Both of them have joined at PMU on 10.09.2008. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Forest & Environment requested that some GIS data may be given to the Government in a CD for viewing.

**(B) Concurrent Monitoring :**

The Project Director brought to the notice of the members that in pursuance of the decision of the last Governing Body meeting 2 Firms have been engaged for concurrent monitoring of the project works. These two firms were selected after scrutiny of offers received in response of advertisement in newspapers and project website followed by technical evaluation by a broad based committee constituted for the purpose, comprising Sri Sidhant Das, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar as Chairman, representatives of PCCF Orissa and PCCF (WL) Orissa, one Joint Project Director, one Deputy Project Director and one DFO-cum-DMU Chief as members. Based on the recommendation of the committee engagement orders have been issued.

1.	The Society of Retired Forest Officers, Orissa (SORFO) Plot No.A-93, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007	Angul, Balliguda, Phulbani, Paralakhemundi, Rourkela, Keonjhar, Deogarh, Bonai, Balasore(WL) Divisions and PMU
2.	I-Concept Initiatives Plot No.1140/2401, 4 <sup>th</sup> Lane, Aerodrome Are, Bhubaneswar-20	Koraput, Jeypore and Rayagada Forest Divisions.

**(C) IGA Framework – National Cross Learning Seminar :**

The Project Director informed that as agreed in the last meeting of the Governing Body, Cross Learning Workshops were held at the District level during November, 2008. The National Level Cross Learning Workshop on "Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods in JICA Assisted Forestry Projects in India" was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. Delegates from 9 JICA assisted forestry projects (Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Punjab, Haryana, and Gujarat) and 4 neighboring states ( West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Chhatishgarh and Jharkhand), CFs – Angul, Berhampur, Koraput, Rourkela and the DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs, officers of PMU and GC Experts participated in the workshop. This provided a Platform for sharing of experience between various forestry projects in the country. JICA has appreciated the

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initiatives and suggested that such cross learning workshops needs to be organized every six months. It is also proposed to send teams of project facilitators (selected DMU/FMU Chiefs) to Tamilnadu and Karnataka, where second phase JBIC (now JICA ) assisted forestry project are under implementation, for studying Community Empowerment / IGA implementation initiatives.

The Chairperson suggested that many positive initiatives in the area of Income Generating Activities have been successfully implemented under WORLP. The OFSDP should take advantage of these experiences. He also suggested that PRADAN, an NGO, has developed an Accounting Software for facilitating auditing at the Village level. This software may be studied by the OFSDP to see whether this can be of any help for project VSSs.

### **Agenda Item No.3: Progress of Activities**

The Project Director high lighted the following points regarding the progress of the project activities:

#### **a. Restoration of Degraded Forests:**

Intervention as per the Micro Plan in the 610 JFM sites have started during the current year, Micro Plan prescriptions are being implemented in the 610 JFM sites. These sites have a Gross Forest Area of 64205.8 Ha. with RDF treatment area of 42652 ha. Area treated during the year - 36936.5 Ha of ANR and 4768 Ha of block Plantation (2647 Ha of NTFP, 742 Ha of Fuel & Fodder, 449 Ha. of Bamboo and 930 Ha of Economic plantation along with Soil & Moisture conservation measures as per the comprehensive Micro Plans prepared by the respective VSS facilitated by FMUs and partner NGOs.

Micro Plans of 660 2<sup>nd</sup> batch JFM sites have been completed and preparatory works have ~~been~~ started. Estimated intervention area is 49243 Ha. The CFs and DFOs have been instructed to assess the suitability and adequacy of the interventions proposed in the Micro Plans after field visits. In addition, forest officers (Joint PD & Dy PD) at PMU have been made nodal officers for different divisions for more effective monitoring by PMU. Along with forestry interventions, Community Development works (EPA and Livelihood) and Capacity Building of all categories of stake holders primarily for the VSS representatives through training and exposure visits are being taken up.

Livelihood Opportunity analysis for taking up focused IGAs is in the final stages. MART has submitted the draft report, which is under scrutiny. MART has organized two multi-stakeholder

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workshops in the course of the study. It is proposed to have another workshop for discussing the final report with the project implementers.

**b. Coastal Plantation**

The Coastal Plantation activity was prescheduled. Mangrove plantations were raised over 320 ha. during 2008-09 and target for next year is 840 ha in Bhadrakh WL Division and 75 ha in Balasore WL Division for which preparatory works are in progress. Consequent <sup>upon</sup> to the enabling provision of formation of JFM committees for Mangroves, draft guidelines for community mobilization have been prepared and EDC formation has been initiated in 8 coastal villages.

Casuarina plantations were raised over 50 ha. during 2008-09. For next year, only 12 ha. have been selected in Balasore WL Division so far. A scheme for working old mature Casuarina plantations and taking up replanting has been prepared by CF, Baripada. The scheme has been forwarded by the PCCF WL Orissa with his recommendations to the F & E Department vide his letter No.1489/1WL(C) 448, dtd.4.3.2009 for approval. Further areas will be available once this scheme gets approved. Special Secretary F&E department mentioned that he will look into it.

**c. Teak Plantations:**

The Teak Plantations were raised over 625 ha. during the current year under Non-JFM mode. For the year 2009-10 a target of 7400 ha. was fixed. However, the progress is slow due to constraint of availability of suitable areas. The matter has been discussed in the meeting chaired by the PCCF, Orissa in October, 2008. Preparatory works for planting during 2009-10 over 2690 ha. are under progress. Raising of root trainer seedlings have been started.

C The Chair person requested the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to write a letter to all DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs instructing them to achieve the project target without fail. The Project Director suggested that in case the DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs are unable to meet the target, then some areas may be given to the Orissa Forest Development Corporation on lease basis to raise plantations on turn-key basis for which modalities are to be evolved.

**d. Bio-diversity management:**

Micro Planning for EDCs around protected areas has been started in Satkosia WL Division, for which a core group of personnel have been formed with hands-on formulation of Micro Plan for a village (Chhutkai) by the GC experts. As a part of community mobilization interventions for solar power

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fence around the villages are being initiated in Purunakote, following the success of solar power fencing around villages to reduce man-elephant conflict in Tikarapara area. Guidelines for Community based eco-tourism is being developed in identified clusters in Satkosia WL Division, and Kuldiha Sanctuary. Work has also been initiated for development of website to promote eco-tourism (as compared to nature based and other forms of eco-tourism). PCCF Wild Life mentioned that in some villages in Tikarapara area the solar power fencing has been done which is quite a success and the villagers are maintaining the same. Chairman observed that prevention of elephant damage will facilitate increase in crop yield as areas have good soil conditions and rain fall. Project Director informed that reduction of wild boar damage that can enter from under the normal solar power fence is also being looked into by readjusting the live wire strands. Project director further informed that General Consultant Experts are also exploring for good location for eco-lodges, and an eco-tourism website is also being designed.

In addition to this, process for selection of sites for Natural heritage, Community and Conservation reserves has also been initiated for which a step-by-step selection process have been circulated to CFs and DFOs. A candidate list prepared by General Consultant team was discussed by the members. PCCF Wild Life observed that for "Rushikullya and Devi mouth" a proposal has already been approved. Similarly, proposal for Betanoi black buck area is in advance stage of approval. It was agreed that Project Director will decide the sites for intervention under OFSDP in consultation with the PCCF Wild Life, Orissa.

**Research:** Following research topics have been identified:

Analysis of previous teak trials and their documentation with a view to take the teak research further. Funds have been released to Silviculturist, Bhubaneswar for improvement of teak seed production areas.

Study on Phasi (*Anogeissus* spp.) – particularly management (thinning etc.) and also the growth data.

Study on use of fly-ash in forestry particularly in nurseries – for which discussions have been held with fly-ash Unit, Dept. of Science and Technology, GoI. PCCF Wild Life mentioned that OUAT has studied application of Flyash in several crop that can be looked into. Chairman observed that based on past studies in one nursery in Angul flyash must be used along with control to compare its impact on growth.

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#### **Information Dissemination:**

In addition to maintaining the website, quarterly newsletter, and posters are being published regularly. Project Activities were highlighted through AIR under the Forests department Programme – Banani. The jingle on project and forest fire prevention is also ~~broad~~<sup>broadcasted</sup> through Banani. Four more posters highlighting the role of VSSs have been published and sent to all VSSs.

It is proposed to publish technical bulletins in Oriya on selected themes, and pictorial brochures for easy understanding by the VSS members. It is also proposed to have monthly Video Conferences with the Conservators of Forests, and DFO-cum-DMU Chiefs through the facilities of NIC.

Project Director highlighted the vacancy in respect of ACFs in the project divisions which is impacting upon the project implementation, and requested the Commissioner-cum-Secretary Forests filling up the ACFs vacancies in the project Divisions on priority. Project director also informed that consequent upon the merger of the cadres of VFWs and Foresters, instructions have been issued by the PCCF Orissa, to the DFOs for posting incumbent VFWs in Divisions carrying out the OFSDP as foresters in the respective divisions, with a view to facilitate smooth implementation of the project activities.

#### **Agenda Item No.4: Approval of draft Annual Report of OFSDS for the year 2007-08:**

The draft Annual Report of OFSDS for the year 2007-08 was approved.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson, and all the participants.

S. P. Nanda 24.3.09  
Agriculture Production Commissioner,  
& Chairperson, OFSDS Governing Body

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1.	Shri S. P. Nanda, IAS	Agriculture Production Commissioner, and Vice President, OFSDS	Chairperson
2.	Shri U.N. Behera, IAS	Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Forest & Environment Department.	Member
3.	Shri B. K. Patnaik, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (WL), Orissa	Member
4.	Shri P. K. Parida, IFS	Addl Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Orissa, O/o PCCF, Orissa	Nominee of PCCF, Orissa
5.	Shri P. N. Padhi, IFS	Special Secretary to Govt., F&E Department.	Member
6.	Shri A. K. Bansal, IFS	Project Director, OFSDP	Member- Secretary
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2.	Dr. J.P. Singh, IFS	Jt. Project Director (HRD & R), OFSDP	
3.	Shri D. Biswal, IFS	Jt. Project Director(A&F), OFSDP	
4.	Shri R. N. Sahoo, IFS	Dy. Project Director(A&F), OFSDP	