

Right to Information Act
Manual 1
Particulars of Organization, function and duties
[Section 4 (1)(b)(i)]

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

To restore degraded forests and improve the income level of villagers by promoting sustainable forest management including JFM plantation and community / tribal development, thereby improving environment and alleviating poverty.

2. MISSION / VISION

The existing forest cover in Orissa is 48366 km². Out of the area having forest cover, 20196 km² have crown density of less than 40%, which would require treatment for regeneration and reforestation. The degradation of forest has resulted into the vicious poverty cycle wherein absence of livelihood options encouraged the local people for more and more removal of forest produce in unsustainable manner leading further degradation of forest with spread of poverty and unemployment. Thus the project is necessary for improving the living condition of the people residing in and around the forest by providing them livelihood options consistent with conservation of forest and its sustainable management. This is consistent with the development policy of the State particularly in forestry sector and in accordance with National Forest Policy. Conservation of forest resources and its sustainable management in supporting livelihood to people living in and around the forest besides amelioration of environment is well recognized.

3. BRIEF HISTORY AND BACKGROUND FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT

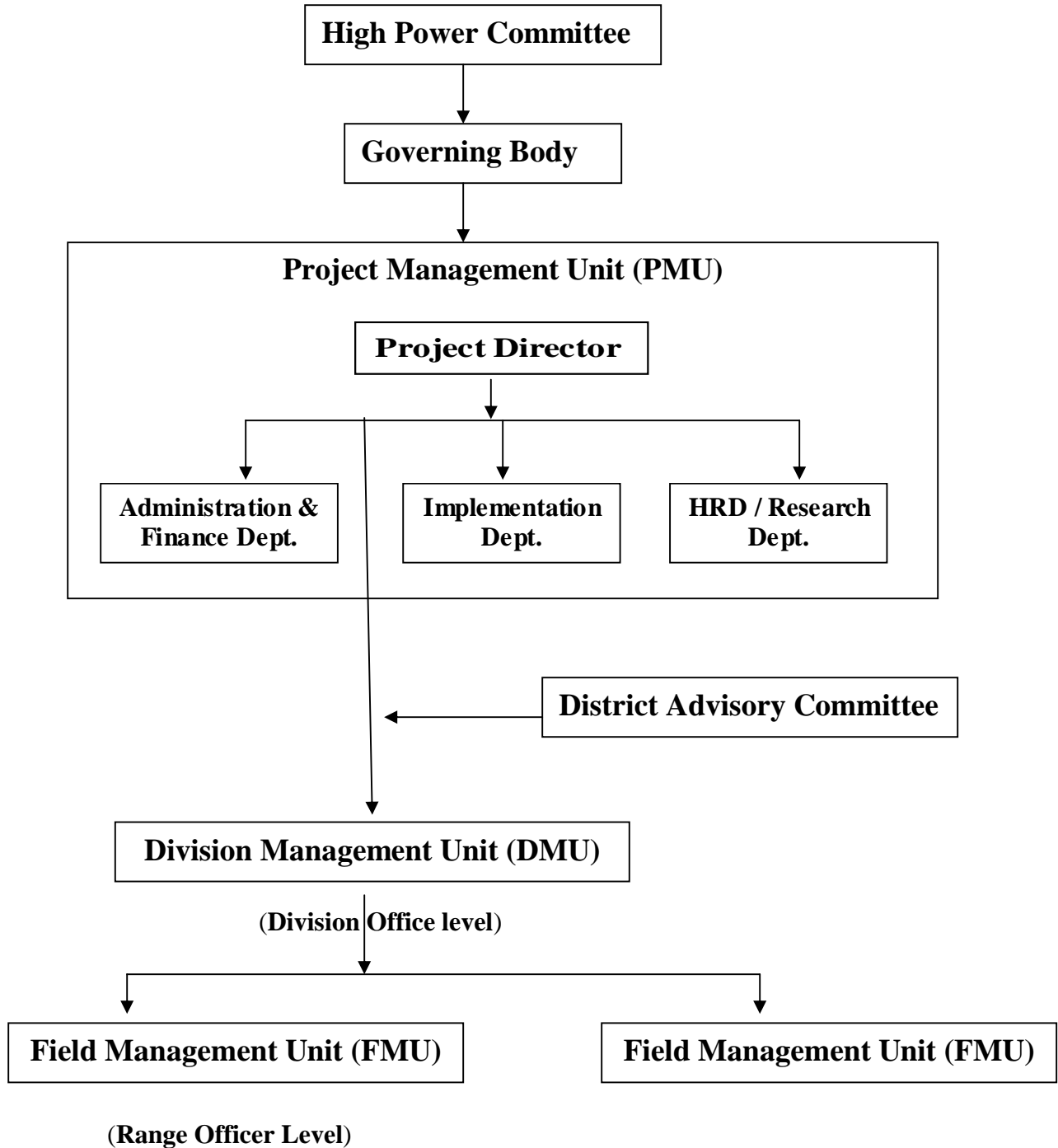
Considering the need for enhancing the livelihood options of the people living in and around forests and rejuvenating degraded forests, the State Government have launched the Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP) with support from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). A memorandum on the "Project" between the Forest & Environment Department , Government of Orissa and JBIC was signed on 31st March 2006.

The Project aims to restore degraded forests and improve the income level of villagers by promoting sustainable forest management including JFM plantation and community / tribal development, thereby improving environment and alleviating poverty. This seven year project (2006-07 to 2012-13), is to be implemented in 14 Forest Divisions, namely Angul, Balliguda, Bonai, Deogarh, Jeypore, Keonjhar, Koraput, Parlakhemundi, Phulbani, Rayagada, Rourkela, Satkosia (WL), Balasore (WL) and Bhadrakh(WL). These divisions fall in 10 districts of the state.

A village specific local need based approach will be adopted and the interventions in the JFM mode would be formulated and implemented through the village committees. All the activities in a project village will be taken up together in a year after which the assets created would be maintained. Emphasis in all interventions would be on technology up gradation and development of sustainable livelihoods to the poorest of the poor living on forest fringe.

The State Government have constituted the Orissa Forestry Development Society to facilitate smooth implementation of the Project.

4. ORGANIZATION CHART



5. ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS

The project is assigned with following items of work to be completed during the project period from 2006-07 to 2012-13.

Items	Work
Restoration of Degraded Forests (Forest Management under JFM and Non-JFM & Farm Forestry)	196650 ha in 11 divisions. 1) ANR 138,000 ha 2) Block Plantation 39650 ha 3) Artificial Regeneration 19000 ha
Coastal Plantation	2810 ha for 2 divisions
Biodiversity Management	1) Ecotourism Development: 5 sites 2) Establishment of Community Reserves / Heritage Sites: 5 sites
Community / Tribal Development including Capacity Building of VSSs	Entry Point Activities Income Generation Activities Livelihood Improvement Formation of 2275 VSSs and 4550 SHGs
Supporting Activities	Preparatory works Strengthening of Executive Body Infrastructure Development Forest Research Publicity and Communication Monitoring and Evaluation Phase-out / Phase-in Activities.
Consulting Service	International : 42 M/M Local:176M/M

6. DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED TO ACHIEVE THE MISSION

For achievement of included result this 7 years project (from 2006-07 to 2012-13) is designed to have a preparatory phase in the first year in which selection of the project villages, induction training of the project staff, capacity building of the identified VSS and frontline staff will be completed. Base line surveys in the project villages to be adopted during 2nd year will be completed during 1st year of the project. During this period the Executing Body comprising Project Management Unit at state level, Division Management Unit at division level and Field Management Unit at range level, will be established with required infrastructure. In 2nd year, execution of work of all project work in the selected project village will be taken up based on micro-plan and preparatory activities for 3rd year project villages will be undertaken. During 3rd year, implementation of the project in 2nd set of villages will be undertaken. During 4th year, implementation work in 3rd set of villages, maintenance work of previous work will be undertaken. During 5th year, implementation in 4th set of project villages and maintenance of previous year work will be undertaken. During 5th, 6th and 7th year, maintenance and consolidation work of previous years work will be undertaken. Slow phased withdrawal from the project villages will start during the last two years.

6. DETAILS OF SERVICE RENDERED

The Project Agreement was signed on 31st March 2006 and the project started functioning from July 2006. Works related to establishment of the Project Executive Body, as per the Project Memorandum, are in progress.

7. CITIZENS INTERACTION

Citizen interaction will be through 2275 VSSs for preparation of detailed interventions through Micro Planning, and their implementation through forest management activities, Community Development Works through Entry Point Activities (EPA), and Income Generation Activities (IGA). Providing immediate incentive schemes to develop small community infrastructures such as water tanks, rural roads and/ or community halls desired by villagers shall attract people's attention to the forestry development and Income Generation Activities which will take a longer period for realization of the benefits.

8. POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE MAIN OFFICE, ATTACHED/ SUBORDINATE OFFICE/ FIELD UNITS

Main Office :- Orissa Forestry Sector Development Project (PMU)
SFTRI CAMPUS, Seminar Block
Ghatikia, BHubaneswar, PIN-751003

Field Units:- 1.DFO-cum- DMU Chief,
Rourkela Forest Division,Plot No 123, Sector 5,
Rourkela, Sundargarh.

2. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Bonai Forest Division, Bonai, Sundargarh

3. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Deogarh Forest Division, Deogarh.

4. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Keonjhar Forest Division, Keonjhar.

5.DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Angul Forest Division, Angul

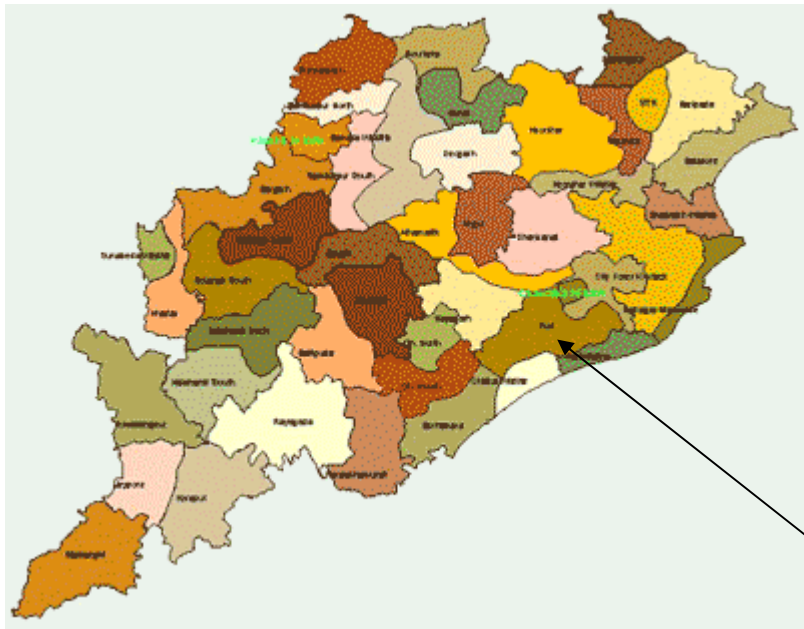
6. .DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Satkosia (WL) Forest Division, Angul

7. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Balasore(WL) Forest Division, Balasore
8. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Bhadrakh (WL) Forest Division, Bhadrakh
9. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Parlakhemundi Forest Division, Gajapati.
10. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Phulbani Forest Division, Phulbani.
11. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Balliguda Forest Division, Balliguda
12. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Rayagada Forest Division, Rayagada
13. DFO-cum- DMU Chief
Koraput Forest Division, Koraput.
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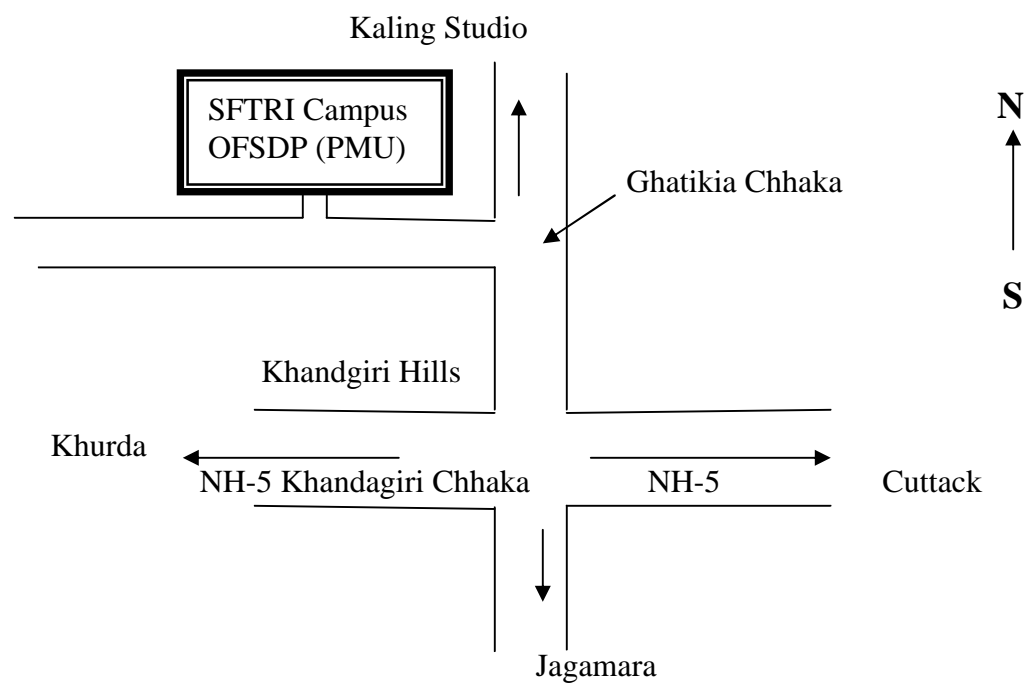
9. MAP OF OFFICE LOCATION

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Territorial Divisions



State Capital BHUBANESWAR



10. WORKING HOURS FOR OFFICE AND PUBLIC

10 AM to 5 PM

11. PUBLIC INTERACTION IF ANY

Not yet assessed.

12. GRIEVANCE REDRESAL MECHANISM

Grievances can be sent to the Project Director through post/email. Every Monday is fixed as Grievances Day, when grievances can be filed with the Project Director/Joint the Project Director (A&F) between 3 PM to 4 PM.