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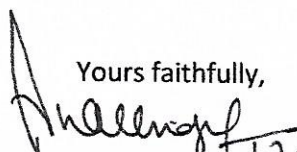
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5. The Principal Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Forests Dept
6. The Principal Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Dept.
7. The Principal Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Panchayat & Rural Development Dept.
8. The Principal Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, Backward class Welfare Dept.

Sub : Proceeding of the 2nd meeting of the High Power Committee of West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project (ID- P223)

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herein the minutes of the second meeting of the High Power Committee (HPC) of the West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project, held on 1st December, 2014 in the Chief Secretary's Conference Room at Nabanna, for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

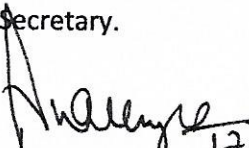

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Copy forwarded for information to the P.A to the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, Nabanna. He is requested to bring this to the notice of the Chief Secretary.


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**Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the High Power Committee (HPC) of
West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project,
held at Chief Secretary's Conference Room on 01.12.2014**

The 2nd meeting of the HPC was held on 1st December, 2014 at Chief Secretary's Conference Room at Nabanna, to discuss various issues relating to the JICA assisted West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Project. The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal and Chairperson of HPC. The following officers were present:

Members :

1. Shri S. Mitra, Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal
2. Shri S. Das, Addl. Chief Secretary, Planning Dept., Govt. of West Bengal
3. Shri A.Zaidi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal
4. Shri S.Das, Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Dept., West Bengal
5. Shri S.K.Thade, Principal Secretary, Backward Class Welfare Dept., West Bengal
6. Shri C.Sinha, Principal Secretary, Forests Dept., West Bengal
7. Shri S.Dhaundyal, Chief Project Director, West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project

Invitee Members:

8. Shri S.Barari, Project Director (Finance), West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project
9. Shri S.Chaudhuri, Project Director, Monitoring & Evaluation, West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project

The agenda wise record of discussions and decisions taken are given below:

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st meeting held on 17.09.2013:

It was confirmed that no communication or comments were received from the members.

Decision:

The minutes of the 1st meeting of the HPC held on 17.09.2013 stands confirmed.

Agenda 2: Discussion on the Action Taken Report on the Resolutions of the 1st meeting held on 17.09.13

The Action Taken Report was circulated with the agenda notes as Annexure-I. The issues placed before the HPC from sl. 1 through sl. 7 were discussed. Chief Secretary stressed on the following points:

- (i) **Procurement of vehicles & motorcycles at DGS&D rates:** This should be done by e-tendering only as laid down by the Finance Dept, Govt of West Bengal.

Decision:

It was decided that procurement of vehicles and motorcycles under the project should be done by e-tendering as per the orders of the Finance Dept. Govt of West Bengal, as being done for other procurements under the project

- (ii) **Security Issues with regard to LWE Blocks :** The District Magistrates are required to issue certificate specifying the conducive atmosphere for implementation of the project activities in LWE blocks prior to taking up works under the WBFBC Project, in these blocks. Chief Secretary showed displeasure at the delay in the matter of issuance of certificate by the concerned District Magistrates of districts having declared LWE blocks, though developmental works are presently progressing under other schemes in these blocks. To speed up matters the following decisions were taken:

Decisions:

- (a) *The Principal Secretary Forest Dept, West Bengal should take up the issue with the DG Police West Bengal so that he may suitably direct the concerned Superintendents of Police to co-operate and co-ordinate with the District Magistrates for issuance of Certificate regarding favourable law and order situation for taking up project activities in LWE blocks.*
- (b) *The matter of issuance of the certificate should be taken up directly with the District Magistrates by the senior officers of the Forest Department.*

Agenda 3: Presentation of the Status Report of WBFBC Project

A power point presentation was made before the HPC members on the Status Report of the project including the achievements of the project till date. The members considered the facts and figures presented and the following decisions were taken.

Decisions:

- (i) *The activities implemented in the field should be properly recorded with photographic evidence and also geo-references for verification in the field.*
- (ii) *List of the selected FPCs should be sent to the P&RD and BCW Departments. These departments will give feedback on the SHG groups and their activities (with reference to the selected FPCs) to the project authorities.*
- (iii) *The target of expenditure upto the end of 2014-15 is fixed at Rs 40.00 Crores.*

Agenda 4: Procurement of additional vehicles and motorcycles under the project.

A proposal was placed before the HPC for procurement of 24 vehicles and 150 motorcycles under the project in addition to the 12 vehicles (Scorpio & Ertiga) and 100 motorcycles (Hero Splendor) already procured and distributed to various DMUs and FMUs. The Chief Project Director explained the need of procuring the additional vehicles and motorcycles, for adding mobility to the field staff posted in the remote areas of the districts with the intrinsic purpose of forest and biodiversity conservation and wild life management. It was explained to the members that the fund required for the purpose can be met from the Infrastructure Development component. The members considered and appreciated the matter and the following decision was taken.

Decision:

Procurement of additional 24 vehicles and 150 motorcycles may be done following the process of E-tendering as per the circular / guidelines issued by Finance Dept., Govt of West Bengal.

Agenda 5: Re-allocation of target under the project.

Chief Project Director stated that owing to receipt of funds from multiple sources by some of the DMUs, like Buxa Tiger Reserve, the progress has been very slow. To achieve better progress, targets of these areas may be re-allocated to other DMUs. Approval on this regard was sought.

Decision:

Re-allocation of the target of various activities under the project for Buxa Tiger Reserve is approved in principle.

Agenda 6: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

No such item was raised by any of the members.

Sd/- S. Mitra

Chief Secretary Govt. of West Bengal and
Chairperson High Power Committee,
WBFBC Project