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**MINUTES OF THE 15th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNDER
WEST BENGAL STATE CAMPA ON 21/01/2015 AT 3 PM AT ARANYA BHAWAN,
KOLKATA.**

The list of names of the members attended the meeting is enclosed.

1. Confirmation of the proceeding of 13th Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes of the 13th Meeting is confirmed and taken as approved, as there is no observation or comments from the members present in the Meeting.

2. Action Taken Report of the 13th Executive Committee Meeting.

1st and 2nd Agenda items had been taken up for discussion in the previous 14th Committee Meeting, the members were apprised of the present situation, circulated vide agenda notes under different items now placed in the Meeting. The members noted with concern the difficulties in raising Compensatory Aforestation which is described below vide discussion on Agenda Item No. 3 (Review of progress of work) . The Committee requested the Member Secretary to take appropriate steps for engagement of consultants and experts (vide Item No. 5 of 13th Meeting) and exemption of Income Tax (vide Item No, 9(b) of 13th Meeting), and approved the action taken report.

3. Review on progress of work during 2013-14 and 2014-15 (upto 2nd quarter)

The detailed progress report (as per Annexure-I & II) placed in the Meeting by the Member Secretary was noted and approved. The Members expressed concern over the shortfall in achieving Compensatory Afforestation target. The reasons for such shortfall in case of Kalimpong, Gorumara (Wildlife) Divisions were discussed. It is resolved that the GoI will be approached for raising CA over alternate degraded forest land. If possible, User agency may also be asked to provide additional land for this purpose. In case of Gorumara WL Divisions, the area is adjacent to wildlife areas, it is recommended that a committee of senior forest officers to be constituted for suggesting suitable forestry work over the unsuitable areas. It is also noted that

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divisions like Kalimpong S.C, Darjeeling, Dir/FTC has subsequently incurred further expenditure after sept/14 till date.

The Committee requested the Member-Secretary to report the progress of work to GOI and request further release of fund immediately.

The Committee observed that some of the Divisions are not willing to take up CA on small area (less than 1 ha) and advised the MS to consolidate all such CA areas together for afforestation.

4. Finalization of work programme (APO) During 2014-15 for placing the same before Steering Committee

Member Secretary placed the APO (2014-15) (Annexure III &IV) in the meeting which consists of raising compensatory afforestation (advance plus creation & maintenance) and CAT Plan only. It was resolved that the fund available with the State CAMPA will be released on priority basis for all types of CA work and further 50 lakhs will be earmarked for CAT Plan. It was decided in the meeting that a comprehensive work programme incorporating all components of works will be drawn up for sending the same to GOI.

5. Miscellaneous

The Committee approved the following revised estimate in respect of following Divisions as per table below:

Division	Revised estimate (in Rs.)	Original estimate (in Rs.)	Reason for escalation.
24 Paraganas (South)	6,13,160	5,00,000	Cost/Wage escalation. Agenda Item No.(a)
Kalimpong Division	45,078 4,29,000	30,633 2,50,985	-Do- Agenda Item No.(b)
Jaldapara WL Division	2,48,812	1,21,482	-Do- Agenda Item No. (c)

The committee advised to seek further explanation from DFO, Bankura (North) for deviation in achievement from estimated amount.

The Committee approved the change of site of Kangsabati (North) Division and advised the Member Secretary to refer the same in respect of Bankura (North) to GOI for information.

The Committee noted the Headquarter expenditure during 2013-14 and 2014-15 (upto Dec14) and advised the Member Secretary to incorporate the same in the APO in future. Regarding enhancement of contractual salary of CAMPA staffs and consultants the Committee decided that the relevant GO of Finance Deptt need to be followed and requested Member Secretary to take appropriate action accordingly. The committee also advised the Member Secretary to take steps for engagement of Internal Auditor.

The committee approved the name of joint signatory in respect of Kurseong S.C. Division (as the Division has now posted with regular ADFO) and Darjeeling Territorial Division with Executive Director, Forest Department after ascertaining whether the incumbent is a Government Official.

The committee decided that the matter of balance payment to principal investigator consultancy on Bird diversity closed.



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Member Secretary



Chairman