

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNDER WEST BENGAL STATE CAMPA ON 12/07/2013 (3-30 PM) AT PCCF/WB/HOFF'S CHAMBER, ARANYA BHAVAN.

The following Members were present in the Meeting:-

1. Sri S. B. Mondal, IFS, PCCF, (HoFF), W.B & Chairman of the Committee.
2. Sri U.K. Bhattacharya, IFS. PCCF, General, W.B.
3. Sri N. C. Bahuguna, IFS, PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW, W.B.
4. Sri S. Dhaundyal, IFS, APCCF, Finance, W.B.
5. Sri M. Pandey, IFS, APCCF, North.
6. Sri Sukanta Kr.Paul. Bidhan Seba Sadan, Tejpur, Amta, Howrah.
7. Smt. Sushmita Ghosal, Bala Prayas Welfare Society, Paschim Medinipur.
8. Sri R. R. Pandey, IFS, APCCF, R&M, W.B.
9. Sri S. K. Sen, IFS, APCCF, CAMPA & N.O. FCA.W.B & Member Secretary.

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of the proceeding of 9th Meeting of the Executive Committee:

Minutes of the 9th Meeting was confirmed and taken as approved, as there was no observation or comment from the Members present in the Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2

Discussion on Action Taken Report on the minutes of 9th Meeting of the Executive Committee:

The Committee was apprised of the actions taken by the State CAMPA, as under,

- a) In terms of (Para-3) of the minutes of 9th meeting, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal was requested for opening of Savings Bank Account in the name of each DFO. Regarding compliance of Audit Report the Member Secretary informed the Committee that letters have been issued to the concerned authorities i.e. (PCCF/ WL in respect of Para-6.7 and 6.10, DFO Kangsabati (North), Kurseong, Wildlife-II, Bankura (South) and DM Kalimpong Division in respect of Para-6.8, 6.9, 7.1, 7.8 respectively), The Chairman of the Committee

requested the respective PCCFs to pursue the matter further so that the required action can be taken and reported to the CAG accordingly.

Regarding compliance of Audit Report (Para-6.6) i.e. opening of separate Bank Account in respect of diversion of land in protected area, the Member Secretary informed the Committee that action remains to be taken. The Committee discussed the matter and felt that as per CAMPA guideline all such expenditure over protected area need to be maintained separately so as to ensure that the fund realized from the user agencies be used exclusively for undertaking protection and conservation activity in protected areas only. CAMPA guideline does not require opening of separate Bank Account for this purpose .

b) Order for reconstitution of Executive Committee has been issued by the Forest Department.(Para 4-A)

c) The Committee was apprised of the action taken by State CAMPA. The letter dated 06.06.2013 was issued to the concerned DFOS asking them to submit balance PR and UC. However, only DFO 24 Paraganas (South), DFO Purulia, DFO Kurseong have responded and submitted further UC without any PR. The Committee decided that the matter needs to be taken up on urgent basis and requested PCCFs and member Secretary to hold a meeting with the defaulting DFOs at an early date. (Para-4B)

d) All members felt that the works remain pending for a long time and urgent action requires to be taken for disbursement of fund to the respective DFOs. In order to facilitate this, it was decided that till new accounting system comes in force, State CAMPA may follow the existing system where the fund is utilized under 'CIVIL DEPOSIT' mechanism. Member Secretary was advised to disburse the amount against the work in part which need to be taken up urgently. The DFOs are to be advised to complete the formalities in advance in case of tender works etc as per financial rule. If any amount remains unspent during the year it will be transferred to the Savings A/c when GO for new system is issued by the Forest Department.

e) Addl PCCF/ Finance suggested that a copy of work estimates, duly approved by their CCF may be sent by the respective DFOs to State CAMPA.

Agenda Item No. 3 (Miscellaneous)

a) *Enhancement of budget in respect of the project named "Bio-diversity of Kolkata":*

The Committee was informed that the expert Sub-committee formed in the 8th Meeting of Executive Committee has now submitted its report with their observation and suggestion for further improvement of the project report. The Principal Investigator was accordingly requested to make corrections in the project report in terms of the observation made by the expert Committee. The expert Committee has not, however, made any recommendation or comment regarding the justification of enhancement.


The report of the expert Sub-committee was duly considered by the Committee and it was decided that no further payment will be made in the project which will now be treated as closed and the Principal Investigator will be informed accordingly by the Member Secretary.

b) *CCO based Audit of State CAMPA by AG/WB :*

The Committee was informed that CCO based Audit by AG/WB is being undertaken from 4-12th july,2013. The Member Secretary read out the important queries in the meeting. Chairman of the Committee requested ACCF/WB (present as invitee) to make balance remittance to Adhoc-CAMPA at an early date. The Member-Secretary was requested to pursue the matter of PF Notification with the Department. The Committee suggested to form two technical Committees (one for NB and SB each) consisting of senior officers of the Directorate, to monitor and evaluate the CAMPA works

c) *Approval of HQ expenditure of State Campa:*

The Member Secretary placed a statement of account of State CAMPA expenditure at Aranya Bhavan during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 along with estimated expenditure during 2013-14 for consideration and approval by the Committee. The Chairman requested Member Secretary to give detail of such expenditure which will be considered and approved by the Committee in the next meeting.



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Member-Secretary



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Chairman