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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNDER WEST BENGAL STATE CAMPA HELD ON ARANYA BHAWAN, KOLKATA ON 19.11.2013 AT 3 PM

The following Members were present in the Meeting:-

1. Sri N. C. Bahuguna, IFS, PCCF, Wildlife & CWLW, W.B.
2. Sri D.K. Ghosh, IFS, PCCF, RM & Dev, W.B.
3. Sri U.K. Bhattacharya, IFS, PCCF, General, W.B.
4. Sri A. Zaidi, IFS, APCCF, Finance, W.B.
5. Sri A. K. Saha, IFS, APCCF, North Bengal.
6. Sri Sukanta Kr. Paul, Bidhan Seba Sadan, Tejpur, Amta, Howrah.
7. Smt. Sushmita Ghosal, Bala Prayas Welfare Society, Paschim Medinipur.
8. Sri S. K. Sen, IFS, APCCF, CAMPA & N.O. FCA. W.B.

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of the proceeding of 10th & 11th Meeting of the Executive Committee:

Minutes of the 10th & 11th Meeting were confirmed and taken as approved, as there was no observation or comments from the Members present in the Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2

Discussion on Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 10th & 11th Meeting of the Executive Committee:

The Committee was apprised of the status of unspent balance of Rs. 87.41 Lakhs lying with different DFOs as per enclosed statement (A-1). The Member Secretary informed the Committee that respective DFOs have been requested to send the copies of the remittance Challan (TR-7) and Credit Verification Certificate so far only Six Divisions (Wildlife – II, Monitoring (North), Purba Medinipur, Birbhum, Bankura (South), Kurseong) have sent the required particulars to State CAMPA. PCCF (General) and PCCF (Wildlife) have also been requested to take necessary action in this regard, reminders are also issued.. However, no LOC has been released to the DFO so far.

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PCCF (General) informed the Committee that both sides of the (TR-7) need to be sent by the DFO along with the Credit Verification Certificate, if possible, a photo copy of the cheque also be sent. It was suggested that a time bound programme (30th November, 2013) for pursuing the matter be taken by the State CAMPA in this regard.

The Principal Investigator of the project "Bird Diversity of Kolkata" was informed about the closure of the project, however, the She has submitted a representation for release of the balance amount of original sanction which is now placed before the Committee.

The Committee considered the matter closed and resolved not to open the same any more.

The Committee noted that 9 out of 30 land diversion cases proposed, PF Notifications have been issued by the Forest Department. The Member Secretary also placed a statement of expenditure incurred by the State CAMPA at Headquarter during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 which was approved by the Committee for placing the same before the State Level Steering Committee for final approval (A-2). The Member Secretary also placed a detail estimate of expected expenditure during 2013 - 2014 as per statement enclosed (A-2) which was approved by the Committee for placing the same before the Steering Committee for final approval.

Agenda Item No. 3

Discussion on CAG:

Members of the Committee were apprised of the recent report submitted by the CAG on ad hoc CAMPA/State CAMPA. The Member Secretary informed the Committee that reply to CAG report is under preparation which will be duly placed after compilation before the Committee in the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4

Approval of work programme of different divisions:

The Committee was informed by the Member Secretary the names of the DFO to whom cheques have already been issued as the estimates submitted by them were found in order. Member Secretary also informed the Committee the names of the divisions (A-3) where following discrepancies were noticed, and therefore, fund could not be placed.

- a) The rates proposed by the DFOs are higher than the rates paid by the user agency because of late execution of work.

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- b) Proposed site of the work was different from that as mentioned in the original land diversion proposal. Soil Moisture Conservation works which was to be undertaken where Compensatory Afforestation was proposed as per diversion proposal now proposed at a different place.
 - c) Estimates raised on pro rata basis calculated on the cost of afforestation and no detail measurement or other particulars are given.

The Committee resolved that the details of such discrepancies in each Division need to be placed before the Committee for consideration and taking a decision in this regard.

Member Secretary apprised the Committee that on being requested by the CF/Development on urgent basis, PCCF/WB (HoFF) has approved Rs.40 lakh for construction of boundary wall for State Forestry Training School at Hizli, Member Secretary informed that Committee that funds have been placed for the same. The Committee approved the work programme which will have subsequently placed before Steering Committee. The Committee was informed that CF/Dev will require further sum of Rs. 45 lakhs to complete the work in full. The Committee decided that decision regarding placing further sum will be taken after observing the progress of the work.

Agenda Item No. 5

Finalisation of accounting procedure of State CAMPA:

Member Secretary circulated a draft accounting procedure (A-4) for consideration of the Committee; PCCF (General) suggested some corrections which were incorporated. The Committee approved the accounting procedure and advised the Member Secretary to take necessary action in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 6

Reconstitution of CAT Working cum Monitoring Committee:

No decision was taken in the meeting

Agenda Item No. 7

Miscellaneous:

Members suggested that a State CAMPA website may be opened where all information regarding CAMPA works will be posted from time to time and requested Member-Secretary to take necessary action.

PCCF/RMD suggested that post of ADFO should be filled up immediately in Soil Conservation Divisions so that CAMPA accounts could be opened and operated.

Members present in the meeting decided unanimously that in absence of PCCF/WB(HoFF), Sri N.C. Bahuguna, PCCF/WL & Biodiversity will chair the meeting.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Addl. Principal (S.K. SEN)
& Nodal Officer, FCA, Member Secretary
Executive Committee

Member-Secretary



(N.C. BAHUGUNA)
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force,
West Bengal
Chairman