Minutes of the 5th State Level Steering Committee of West Bengal State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority held on 11th January, 2016 at 10 am in the Office Chamber of Chief Secretary , GoWB, at Nabanna, Kolkata

Following members participated in the said Steering Committee meeting:

- 1. Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoWB, as Chairperson of the SLSC
- 2. Shri Chandan Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary to the GoWB, Department of Forest
- 3. Shri Azam Zaidi, IFS, PCCF (HoFF), WB, Member
- 4. Shri P. Shukla, IFS, PCCF, Wild Life, W.B, Member
- 5. Shri N. K. Pandey, IFS, PCCF, General, WB, Member
- 6. Shri R. K. Samal, IFS, CF(Central) GOI, ERO, Bhubaneswar, Member
- 7. Smt. S. Guha, Secretary to the GoWB, Deptt. of Development and Planning, Member
- 8. Shri Dipankar Bhattacharya, Sealdah Training School for Medical Research, Member
- 9. Shri R.R P. Singh, IFS, APCCF, CAMPA & Nodal Officer FCA, 1980 as Member Secretary

Shri H. K. Dwivedi, IAS, Principal Secretary to the GoWB, Deptt. of Finance took leave of absence from the Chairperson due to his pre-occupation. Shri Kajol Ghosh, Bidhan Nagar, Siliguri

The Member Secretary initiated the proceedings of the meeting by welcoming the members of the State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) & briefed the house on different issues and placed following agenda items for the discussion and approval:

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> State Level Steering Committee Meeting (SLSC)
- 2. Action Taken Report on Resolutions of the minutes of 4th SLSC
- 3. Annual Report for five years: 2010-11: 2011-12; 2012-13; 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- 4. Statutory Audit Report and Balance Sheet for five years: 2010-11; 2011-2012; 2012-13; 2013-14 & 2014-15.
- 5. Annual Plan Operation for 2016-17
- 6. Misc. Agenda Item- State wise project proposals on approval by SLSC for School Nurseries on Pilot Basis funded by National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC) from its corpus.

## Agenda 1.: Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th State Level Steering Committee Meeting.

Since no feed-back was received in respect of the minutes of the 4th State Level Steering Committee from any member after circulation, the minutes were confirmed and approved.

# Agenda 2. : <u>Discussion on Action Taken Report on Resolutions of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> State</u> <u>Level Steering Committee:</u>

- 2a. As per resolution of 4<sup>th</sup> SLSC, the Component wise physical and Financial achievements against the 1<sup>st</sup> &2<sup>nd</sup> installment of APO (Rs 5.29 crore each) were placed for information in the form of Annual Report.
- 2b. In reference to the approval of last APO of Rs. 10 Crore, it was reported that the expenditure was made to the tune of 4.88 Crore where SLSC also accorded post-facto approval of construction of boundary wall at FTC Jhargram for Rs. 95,55,000/- and procurement of wild life equipments for Rs. 61,530/-

It was also reported that the total outlay was Rs. 20.58 Cr. where the total release of fund by GOI was 16.414 Cr. The total expenditure till 2014-15 was Rs. 13.03 Cr.

- 2c. Review of progress of utilization of fund was placed before SLSC, as physical and financial achievements up-to 2014-15 in the form of Annual Report placed for detailed discussion before SLSC as a separate agenda item; Referred here in as Agenda No. 3
- 2d. In 4<sup>th</sup> SLSC it was pointed out that the engagement of Auditors requires to be approved by the Executive Committee and as per GOI's guidelines followed with WB Forest Department GO, the Executive Committee is responsible for audit of Receipts and Payments and then should be placed to SLSC for approval. Accordingly the Audited Reports were placed for the financial year 2010-11 and 2011-12 before SLSC after being passed by the Executive Committee. These accounts were approved by SLSC accordingly.

By this time, further three years Accounts, 2012-13; 2013-14: 2014-15 duly prepared by Cost Accountant Firm with Internal Auditing were also placed before SLSC. This is to be noted that all three years Accounts were also audited by the Chartered Accountant Firm and passed by the 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee. The Statutory Audit Report and Three years Balance Sheets were also placed before SLSC vide for kind perusal and to accord approval: Referred here in as Agenda No. 4

2e. In view of the resolution of the 4<sup>th</sup> State Level Steering Committee, CAG Report was duly examined by the Executive Committee and accordingly the action was taken by submitting the suitable reply to CAG.

### Agenda 3. : <u>Discussion and Approval on Annual Report for five years : 2010-11: 2011-12; 2012-13; 2013-14 and 2014-15</u>

The Annual Report on West Bengal Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) for five financial years placed before the SLSC for kind perusal and discussion. The physical and financial achievements were also placed for information. After due discussion, the SLSC has approved all five years Annual Reports.

### Agenda 4. : Discussion and Approval on Statutory Audit Report and Balance Sheet for five years: 2010-11; 2011-2012; 2012-13; 2013-14 & 2014-15.

The Statutory Audit Reports and Balance Sheet for five years were placed before SLSC for kind perusal, discussion and approval. Accordingly, the SLSC approved all five years Accounts.

#### Agenda 5. : Discussion and Approval on Annual Plan Operation for 2016-17.

The Work Programme (APO) for West Bengal State CAMPA was placed for kind perusal, discussion and approval before the SLSC. With minor correction, the entire APO of Rs. 2210.38 lakh was approved.

#### Agenda 6. Miscellaneous: Approval of School Nurseries Yojana by SLSC.

It was resolved that this scheme will not be the part of State CAMPA's APO, as the NCAC (National CAMPA Advisory Council), GOI will release the fund for the scheme from its corpus.

As these proposals are to be approved by the SLSC for implementation and release of fund by GOI, the matter was placed before SLSC for discussion and approval.

The SLSC approved the establishment of 105 School Nurseries by the Forest Directorate at the cost of Rs. 26.25 lakhs as proposed in the meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chairperson.

Rajiv Ranjan Prasad Singh, IFS

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(Member Secretary)

R. R. P. SINGH, IF S Addi PCCF / CAMPA

Nodal Officer / FCA-1980

Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS

. (Chairperson)