

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Committee of the APFBC Society**  
**held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Committee of the APFBC Society was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 at 11.00 am in the Conference Hall of CM's Block at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Dispur, under the Chairmanship of Shri Alok Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (E&F).

A List of Member and Invitees present in this meeting is at **Annexure-1**

At the outset the Chairman welcomed everyone present and asked the Project Director-PMU-APFBC to initiate proceedings.

The Project Director after presenting a brief on the Project, initiated Agenda-wise discussions. The proceedings on the meeting are presented below:

**Agenda-1:** The minutes of the previous (9<sup>th</sup> Meeting) were ratified.

**Agenda-2:** Presenting an Action Taken report on the issues flagged during the earlier meeting the PD informed that:

- i. Central Van Bazar at State Zoo premises was ready
- ii. An agreement was signed with TRIFED for better marketability of *Vanshristi* products
- iii. 58 JFMCs and 39 EDCs were provided financial assistance for entry-point activities.
- iv. 10 Social Forestry Parks have been taken up for renovation.
- v. 31 Nurseries of indigenous species have been raised.

It was informed that on day of reimbursements in May, 2017 and after the upfront payment of an advance tranche of 15 million Euros the overall project stands a below:

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| a. Overall size of the Project:   | Rs. 252 crore |
| b. AFD contribution:              | Rs 227 crore  |
| c. State Government contribution: | Rs. 25 crore  |

So far an amount of RS 200 crore has been released by the government and therefore an amount of Rs. 52 crore remained to be released as final allocation.

**Agenda-3:** The Annual Accounts of the APFBC Society were presented to the Committee for vetting. After vetting of Accounts the committee, suggested to take these accounts to the Governing Body for approval.

**Agenda-4- 5:** The Committee was appraised of the significant issues discussed during the visit of High Level Delegation led by Hon'ble Minister (E&F) to France. It was informed that the AFD would consider a Phase-II of the Project based on the evaluation of progress in the present Phase.

**Agenda-6:** The Committee was informed the following:

- i. The works of Residential Complex at Rehabari is going on in full swing but it will take around one year to complete.
- ii. For the works of Annex building the competitive bidding process is to be repeated through e-tendering.
- iii. The AFD has declined grant of NOC to the proposal for 'Evaluation and Drafting of Phase-II Consultancy' with an advice to retender. The process from initiation to finalisation of consultancy will take at least 4 months time. That means the consultancy can, at best, be made in April 2018. Thereafter the Project will need to have enough time to complete the evaluation and drafting of Phase-II.


In view of the above the Committee suggested that the AFD may be approached to extend the time limit for utilisation of the balance of funds from May 2018 to May 2019.

**Agenda-7:** The Executive Committee made following recommendations:

- i. The Project shall engage a local institute of repute to evaluate the effectiveness of component skill development and livelihood enhancement.
- ii. Training of Frontline staff needs to be institutionalised after doing training-needs assessment. In the Phase-II drafting this aspect of training of frontline staff may be given priority.

- iii. An estimate may be made to assess how many more JFMCs and EDCs can be taken up in next Phase.
- iv. EC has approved the E-ticketing system in Assam State Zoo.
- v. The Websites of Kaziranga NP, Manas NP and other protected areas need to be made more visible and informative.
- vi. NIC may be approached for facilitating e-tendering in the department.
- vii. Department must adopt e-tendering not just for the Project but also for all functions

Approved

  
(Alok Kumar, IAS) 6/12/2017

Additional Chief Secretary (E&F)  
Government of Assam &  
Chairperson Executive Committee APFBC Society



**ATTENDENCE SHEET OF 10<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
ASSAM PROJECT ON FOREST AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SOCIETY  
IN THE CONFERENCE OF CM BLOCK HOME & POLITICAL DEPARTMENT  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR AT 11.00 A.M. ON 01-12-2017**

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