

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Governing Body of the APFBC Society
27th August, 2018, Dispur

The 11th Meeting of the Governing Body of the Assam Project on Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Society was held on 27th August, 2018, under the Chairpersonship of Smt. T. Y. Das, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam-cum- Chairperson GB-APFBC Society.

A list of officers present in the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed all those present in the meeting. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, Shri A. K. Johari, IFS, Special PCCF (Biodiversity & Climate Change) and Project Director-APFBC initiated Agenda- wise discussions.

Agenda-1: The Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the GB-APFBC were ratified.

Agenda-2: with respect to the physical progress the GB was informed of the following developments:

1. The Project was granted extension of time up to end of May, 2019, for completion of following major activities:
 - a. Consultancy work for 'Evaluation of the Project and drafting of Phase-II'
 - b. Construction of Rehabari Residential Complex
2. Component-wise cumulative physical progress was highlighted through a presentation (**Annexure-II** slide numbers 2-26)
3. The GB was informed about the procurement of computers and accessories through Government E-Market (GEM).

Agenda-3: Financial Progress made by the Project was presented before the GB with following main features:

1. Of the total Project size of Rs 251.50 cr. the AFD contribution stood at 218.67 and that of State Government Rs 32.83 cr.
2. Component-wise audited expenditure figures as below:

i. Component-1:	Rs. 108.74 cr.
ii. Component-2:	Rs. 0.11 cr.
iii. Component-3:	Rs. 85.27 cr.
iv. Component-4:	Rs. 12.41 cr.
v. Component-5:	Rs. 6.70 cr.
vi. Total	Rs. 213.23 cr.

3. The Committed liabilities of the project stood at Rs. 35.31 cr. against which the PMU had a balance of Rs 35.28 cr. The shortfall of Rs. 0.03 cr. shall be met from balance of funds with Field Implementing Units saved after implementation of sanctioned assignments.

4. Regarding the Hornbill Park, it was decided that the Nursery for the Park may be provided from the CAMPA Scheme and the Generator and Deep Freezer from APFBC.
5. The GB observed that the forest Department shall improve free distribution / sale of seedlings from its various nurseries by advertising / displaying availability of seedlings and locations of nurseries.

Agenda-4: The GB was informed that following consultancy assignments have been put in place:

1. Evaluation of Project Activities and Drafting of Phase-II by the Agriculture Finance Corporation Limited. The inception Workshop was held on 26th July and field works were going on. An interim Report on the evaluation shall be available by the 15th of September 2018.
2. A study by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change & Development, Guwahati, into implementation of the activities undertaken for livelihood enhancement of communities. The Final Report is expected by the end of September, 2018.

Agenda-5: The GB was briefed about the *Aide Memoir* received from the French Development Agency after their Supervision Mission conducted during April 2018. It was informed that:

- a) The visit of the next AFD Supervision Mission was scheduled in last week of September, 2018.
- b) The AFD has desired to have a copy of the interim report on evaluation of the Project by the 15th of September, 2018.
- c) The AFD has recommended tapering support to the communities of the current phase for facilitating them to become self-sustaining. The GB suggested to prepare strategy (exit plan) for the same.

Agenda-6: The Accounts of the APFBC Society for the year 2017-18 were vetted by the GB.

Agenda-7: Other Issues:

- a) Regarding an independent assessment of Rehabari Residential Complex, the suggestion was not agreed to as it was felt by the GB that this was a part of assigned responsibilities of the Architect Consultant.
- b) Regarding constituting a new team to look after the Phase-II of the APFBC, the PCCF & HoFF was requested by the GB to make a proposal.

The meeting ended with thanks to everyone present.

(Smt. T. Y. Das)

Chief Secretary to Government of Assam
Chairperson- Governing Body-APFBC Society

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Annexure- I

Attendance Sheet of 11th Governing Body Meeting of the Assam Project on Forest And Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) Society in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, Assam Block 'C/3rd Floor, Dispur, Guwahati-6

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1	Smti. T.Y Das, IAS	Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam & Chairperson, Governing Body, APFBC
2	Shri. Alok Kumar, IAS	Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Deptt. & Chairperson, Executive Body, APFBC
3	Shri. N. K. Vasu, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force, Assam
4	Shri. S. K. Srivastava, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (UAZ/LAZ)
5	Shri. Hemanta Kumar Deori	Director, Finance Deptt.
6	Shri. Nazrul Islam, IAS	Secretary, P&RD Dept
7	Shri. Makibar Rahman	Deputy Secretary, Fin (EC-I)Deptt.
8	Dr. (Smti) Ranjana Gupta, IFS	Spl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wetlands) & CD-3
9	Shri. A. K. Johari, IFS	Spl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (B&CC) & Project Director, APFBC
10	Shri. Satyendra Singh, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forest, Nodal & FC Act and CD-4
11	Shri. Hirdesh Mishra, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forest (T), CAC
12	Shri. Utpal Bora, IFS	Chief Conservator of Forest (R&E) & CD-1
13	Shri. P. Sivakumar, IFS	Conservator of Forest, NAC, Tezpur
14	Shri. Dipul Barman, AFS	Deputy Conservator of Forest, PMU
15	Shri. Sunil Kumar Nath, AFS	Assistant Conservator of Forest, PMU