

Minutes of the 4th Governing Body Meeting, APFBC society
held on 21.08.2014

In the chair- Shri Jitesh Khosla, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Assam,

Members/ invitees present- as per List appended.

Record of proceedings:

On behalf of the chairperson Shri O. P. Pandey, IFS, Member Secretary welcomed all the members and invitees present in the meeting. After a brief self introduction by members and invitees, the Member Secretary with permission of the chair proceeded to present issues listed in the agenda for deliberation.

The Agenda wise discussion held and decisions taken are given below:

Agenda item – 1: Validation of the minutes of 3rd meeting of the Governing Body held on 18.11.2013.

The Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Governing Body had been circulated to all concerned and no comments had been received. The minutes of the 3rd meeting of the GB (**Annexure-I**) were validated.

Agenda item – 2: Review of progress made since 3rd meeting of GB.

The Member Secretary made a presentation w.r.t. progress made in implementation of activities under Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) after 3rd meeting of the Governing Body held on 18.11.2013 highlighting the details as below:

- i. Procurement of contractual Staff in the PMU completed.
- ii. Procurement of Audit Firm and M&E Agency:
- Advertisement put in News Paper inviting EOI and fixing 25th August, 2014 as last date for receipt.
- iii. Comments ready on modified RFP document communicated by the AfD for procurement of TA and were discussed on 20th August, 2014 with AfD Mission.
- iv. Plantations created & maintained
- MHW (*species Albezzia procera, Bischofia javanica, Tectona grandis, Mesuaferrea, etc.*)

- NTFP (species *Phyllanthus emblica*, *Tamarindus indica*, *Eugenia jambos*, *Artocarpus integrifolia*, *Aegle marmelos*, *Termelia arjuna*, *Azadirachta indica*, etc.)
- Sal
- ANR (species *Michelia champaca*, *Albezzia procera*, *Termelia arjuna*, *Eugenia spp.*, etc.)

- v. During 2014-15 Funds released:
for creation and first weeding in 8738 Ha New Plantations &
first weeding in first year maintenance of 3937 Ha plantations created during 2013-14
- vi. Funds received from the State Government in the year 2013-14 = Rs. 6838 Lakhs.
- vii. Expenditure incurred = Rs. 1688 Lakhs
- viii. The Physical and Financial Progress report with respect to implementation and plantation activities was presented by the Member Secretary before the GB. Details regarding funds released for creation of New Plantations during 2014-15 against Annual Work Programme 2013-14 are enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Funds released for maintenance of Plantations created in the year 2013-14 against Annual Work Programme 2012-13 are enclosed as **Annexure-III**. Achievement of plantation target and balance are enclosed as **Annexure-IV**.

The Chairman opined that the plantations should have diverse species and emphasized on the need for preserving the genetic resources of the forest species in general and bamboo in particular. He laid emphasized on protection of the forest areas and the medicinal plants.

The PCCF & HoFF elaborated the importance of weedings in the plantation areas.

- ix. Procurement of Accounting Software
The GB was informed that the Accounting software developed by NIC for the Project was tested and it is not serving the accounting requirements of the Project. Thus, procurement of Tally Single User package with requisite customization has been approved by the Executive Committee of the APFBC.
- x. Creation of Bambusetum
 - i. The GB was informed that estimate vetted by RFRI, Jorhat for creation of bambusetum at Rani has been furnished by the CCF(CAC) and will be presented before the EC for consent and communicated to the AfD for "NOC".

