

Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Governing Body of  
Assam Project on Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Society

20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of APFBC Society was held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at 3.00 pm in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur. Shri V. K. Pipersenia, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam and Chairman of the Governing Body of the APFBC Society presided over the meeting. A list of members/ Invites present in the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset the Project Director, PMU welcomed the members of the Governing Body and other invites to the meeting. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair agenda wise discussion were initiated.

**Agenda 1:**

1. The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of GB were confirmed.

**Agenda 2:**

1. The proposal for IT enabling in the Forest Department was approved. The Chairman desired that the works may be initiated and the AfD will be requested to expedite grant of NOC. Following observations were made :-
  - i. Since, the MIS has been developed, the hardware may be put in place at the earliest for connecting/ networking all Range Offices and important Beat Offices.
  - ii. The manual process of reporting shall be done away with in a phased manner and completed within three months' time.
  - iii. The PCCF Office shall strive to be a 'less-paper' and gradually a 'paper-less' office in its functioning.



2. The GB noted that Community based interventions were being made under the Entry Point Activities. Instead of individual beneficiary based interventions.
3. The GB also noted the release of Rs. 100 cr. to the PMU during the Financial 2016-17 and progress in reimbursement of funds by the AfD amounting to Rs. 32 crore by 31/5/2017.

**Agenda 3:** The GB was apprised of the following progress:

1. Maintenance of 12132 ha. of normal plantations and 8467 ha. of fire-wood plantation
2. Creation of 750 ha. of Block plantations and 300 ha. of Sal Regeneration.
3. Construction of 13 highlands at Kaziranga National Park
4. Renovation of 10 Social Forestry Parks
5. Trainings and exposure visits for the forest frontline staff
6. Raising of 30 nurseries of indigenous fruit bearing species for rehabilitation of wildlife habitat.
7. Completion of Micro-planning in 76 out of 95 JFMCs and 44 out of 45 EDCs.
8. Release of funds for Entry Point Activities in 30 JFMCs and 28 EDCs
9. Initiation of works for sale-outlet for *Vanashrishti* products at Assam State Zoo, Guwahati.
10. Entrepreneurship Orientation Programs conducted for 60 JFMCs and 20 EDCs.
11. Initiation of process for award of consultancy for 'Evaluation of Phase-I and Scoping of Phase-II' of the Project through international bidding process. In response to which nineteen expressions of interest have been received. The Committee constituted to evaluate these EOIs has shortlisted 10 offers to be requested for detailed proposals.



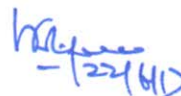


#### Agenda 4:

1. Regarding the matter of Residential Complex the GB made following recommendations:-
  - a. An intensive monitoring system may be put in place to review the progress of the project on a regular basis in assignment and also to monitor quality of works. It was suggested that a committee will be made for this purpose.
  - b. Regarding the deficit Rs 4 cr. it was suggested that, if funds are available with the PMU, the AfD may be approached to raise the ceiling of NOC from present 40 crore to 44 crore. Alternatively, the deficit may be met from the normal budget of the Department or from the CAMPA.
  - c. It was also suggested that an escrow account for payment of running bills of project may be opened so that works could be carried out smoothly.
2. As regards the Annex-complex at Panjabari, the GB suggested to meet the deficit of funds from plan budget of CAMPA.
3. It was agreed to extend financial support to the State Biodiversity Board after meeting the requirement of funds for committed liabilities.
4. The contractual engagement of staff with PMU and FIU was agreed to be extended up to May 2018, on need basis.

The Meeting ended with thanks from the Chair to everyone present.

Approved



(Shri V. K. Pipersenia, IAS)  
Chief Secretary-Assam  
GB-APFBC Society

List of Members / Invitees at the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of the Assam Project on Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Society Held on 20/06/2017 at 3:00 P.M.in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, Assam

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri. V. K. Pipersenja, IAS	Chief Secretary, Assam & Chairperson Governing Body, APFBC Society
2	Shri. V. B. Pyarelal, IAS	Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance
3	Shri. I. Haque, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, T & D Deptt.
4	Shri. P. K. Hazoary, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, WPT & BC Deptt.
5	Shri. H. D. Sarma, ACS	Addl. Secretary, Agriculture
6	Shri. B. Brahma, IFS	PCCF & HoFF, Assam
7	Shri. D. Haraprasad, IFS	P.C.C.F., LAZ, Guwahati
8	Shri. A. K. Johari, IFS	P.C.C.F (B & CC), PD-PMU, APFBC Society
9	Shri. M. K. Yadava, IFS	Addl. PCCF (P&D)
10	Dr. Amit Sahai, IFS	Addl. PCCF (A&V)
11	Shri. R. Borah, IAS	Secretary, Env. & Forest Deptt.
12	Shri. S. Ahmed, IFS	CCF (Nodal)
13	Shri. K.S.P.V. Pavan Kumar, IFS	CCF (M&E)
14	Shri. A. D. Baruah, IFS	CCF, CAC
15	Shri. Utpal Bora, IFS	CCF (HQ)
16	Shri. Hirdesh Mishra, IFS	CCF (IT)
17	Shri. Sunil Kr. Nath, AFS	ACF