

**MINUTES OF THE 114th MEETING OF FORESTRY TRAINING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY, 2006**

Following members attended the meeting.

1. Shri S.S.Bist, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Working Plan & Monitoring, West Bengal.
2. Shri A. B Ray Chaudhuri, Chief Conservator of Forests, Research & Development, West Bengal.
3. Shri S.Mukherji, Conservator of Forests, Personnel & Management, West Bengal.
4. Shri S. K. Sen, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, West Bengal.
5. Shri Omprakash, Director, Forest Training (N), Dowhill.
6. Shri B. Haldar, Director, Forest Training (S), Jhargram.

Sri S.S.Bist, Addl PCCF presided over the meeting.

AGENDA I

CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 113TH MEETING AND TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

The proceedings of the 113th meeting held on 27/9/05 were confirmed. The committee scrutinized the list of officers who have addressed the trainees during their field tour and expressed overall satisfaction. However The Committee advised the CF/DC and The Directors to make specific request to the Territorial Officers in writing in this regard for next courses.

Regarding Training Rules, CF/PMC informed the Committee that the draft of the same has been lying pending with the Govt since long. The Committee advised CF/PMC to pursue the matter so that the necessary incentive to the successful trainees may be offered to enhance the importance of training.

The Committee expressed satisfaction over all other follow up actions taken on the decisions adopted in the 113TH meeting, and approved the same.

AGENDA II APPROVAL OF 98th Course OF DR/FR. TRAINING AT FOREST TRAINING (N), DOWHILL FOR THE SESSION NOV/2005 – OCT./2006.

The Committee approved the revised Training Schedule (Anx I) and while examining the list of examiners proposed in the detailed note on agenda item the Committee observed that the officers transferred from North Bengal to South may not find it ^{convenient} to act as examiners and therefore advised suitable changes. The list of Examiners as approved by the Committee is enclosed vide Anx II.

AGENDA III APPROVAL OF 99th Course OF DR/FR. TRAINING AT FOREST TRAINING (N), DOWHILL FOR THE SESSION NOV/2006– OCT./2007.

The Committee expressed serious concern over the decline in number of the DR/Frs available for training, which is reported to be around 7. The Committee was apprised of the fact that many of them have already been exempted from undergoing training due to medical ground in the previous courses and unlikely to be available for this course too. The Committee appreciated the inconvenience in organizing courses with the few number that are available and felt that such training may be held properly if minimum 25 of trainees are available. The Committee, however decided to defer the matter till the next meeting in September,2006 and advised CF/PMC to verify meanwhile the list of untrained DR/FR and ascertain the possibility of getting trainees from Sikkim and WBFDC.

AGENDA IV APPROVAL OF 49TH SESSION OF FOREST GUARD TRAINING COURSE (6 MONTHS) AT FOREST TRAINING (S), JHARGRAM.

The Committee approved the training schedule for the course as annexed vide Anx III and advised CF/PMC, CF/DC to take necessary action§ for selection of 40 trainees for this Course.

AGENDA V APPROVAL OF SHORT TERM TRAINING SCHEDULE DURING THE YEAR 2006-2007.

The Committee considered the topics proposed for the various short term courses vide Anx B of the detailed note on the Agenda Items. The Committee, however, made following suggestions for the future programs,

- a) Soil Conservation Practices may include South WB as well as Hills/NB.
- b) A suitable module for Authorised officers (under IFA 1927 Section 59 and SawMill Regulation) and their quasi-judicial functions may be prepared.
- c) Faculty Development Courses may be introduced.
- d) Training need of the Ministerial Staff should be evaluated.
- e) Course on Propagation of Medicinal Plants may also be held at Sukna.

The detail of Short Term Courses approved by the Committee is annexed in Anx IV.

Regarding training on FDA the Committee emphasized the need for finalizing the Accounting Procedure so that there is no interruption in the training program during the year and stressed on resolving the issue at an early date.

The Committee advised to revise the Training Calender for Short Term Courses showing details of the Courses by April/2006 and inform all DFO/CF so that the concerned officials posted ^{within} under their jurisdiction may be deputed for relevant trainings to derive the maximum benefit out of the Training Program.

AGENDA VI APPROVAL OF TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR FRONTLINE STAFF (SPONSORED BY GOI).

The Committee approved the proposal for conducting 4 (four) training courses for Frontline Staff during the year 2006-2007, 2 (two) courses each for the Foresters and Forest Guards at FTC(N), Dowhill and FTC(S), Jhargram respectively and advised CF/DC to initiate necessary correspondence in this regard. The Committee also advised to follow the same procedure for receiving fund from DFE, Dehradun as has been done in last year.

AGENDA VIII MISCELLANEOUS (IF ANY)

In order to have more extensive feedback on training requirements of the various wing functionaries and also to bring better coordination among all wings of the Forest Directorate the Committee felt the need for reconstitution of the Training Advisory

Committee and advised CF/DC to come up with a proposal in the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee also advised to explore the possibility of arranging one or two field visits of the trainees in regular courses to neighboring states subject to the concurrence of the Committee.

The Committee also felt it necessary to offer Resource Persons from outside the Directorate reasonable honorarium and advised CF/DC to take necessary actions in this regard.

The Committee decided to celebrate the Centenary Year (2007) of the Forest Training Center (North), Dowhill, erstwhile West Bengal Forest School in a befitting manner and discuss the detail of such celebration in the next meeting.

AGENDA IX FIXING A DATE FOR 115th forestry TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Forestry Training Advisory Committee may be fixed on 18-09-06 at 12- 00 AM , subject to confirmation by the President of the Committee.



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