MINUTES OF THE 115TH MEETING OF FORESTRY TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2006.

Following members attended the meeting.

- 1. Shri K.C.Gayen, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
- 2. Shri S.S.Bist, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Working Plan & Training.
- 3. Shri A.K.Raha, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Dev & Planning.
- 4 Shri U.K.Bhattacharya, Chief Conservator of Forests, Wilf Life.
- 5. Shri S.Mukherjee, Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell.
- 6. Shri S.K.Sen, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle.
- 7. Shri B. Halder, Director, Forest Training (South) Jhargram.

AGENDA I CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 114TH MEETING AND TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW UP ACTIONS.

The Committee confirmed the proceedings of 114th meeting held on 21.02.06.

AGENDA II APPROVAL OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE PROCEEDING OF THE 114TH MEEING.

The Committee considered the Action Taken Report submitted vide Annexure B of the Agenda Item for 115th Meeting. The Committee discussed in detail the situation under which 99th course of DR/Fr could not be held for want of DR/Fr trainees. CF/PMC reported that recruitment on compassionate ground (Gr C & D) is to be made shortly and some of the candidates may be selected as DR/Fr. The need for contacting Sikkim Govt. for sending their trainees was reiterated. CF/PMC informed the Committee that training incentive to the trainees in regular courses was proposed in Entrance and Training Rule for the Foresters (& Forest Guards) which may have been sent to PSC but exact situation is not clear at present. Regarding Faculty Development Program, the Addl PCCF/WP & Training informed that different Institutes e.g. KFRI etc. have sent their yearly training program in advance and the interested faculties of the training courses may be deputed to these programs. The Committee felt that a list of such willing faculties may be prepared by CF/Dev. Circle.

PCCF/WB suggested that pending approval from the appropriate authority some ad-hoc arrangement may be made for incentive to the faculties/Resource Persons at the Training Centres. The Committee desired that identical institutes under other State/GOI may be contacted for this purpose and a suitable proposal may be initiated by CF/Dev. The Committee also felt that the Development

Circle being the training wing might be more effectively involved in the matters regarding training of IFS and SFS Officers, in particular those due to get promotion as DFO. The Committee advised that these Officers may be called to Dowhill for short term Capacity Building Course, suitably designed.

AGENDA III APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAM (3MONTH) FOR PROMOTEE DR/FR AT FTCs. (NORTH) & (SOUTH)

Members of the Committee felt that training program for such Officers may be made by promotion linked to assure attendance/participation and advised CF/PMC & CF/Dev exploring the possibility by moving to the Govt with suitable proposal. The Committee, however, felt that the duration of the course may be made 2 months instead of 3 and be held twice in a year in May-June and Nov-Dec when the workload in field is minimum and advised CF/Dev to take appropriate action. CCF/WL suggested that "Management Plan in NP/Sanctuary" may be included in the module for "WL Management". The Committee advised that DR/Fr having age more than 55 years may be exempted for such training.

AGENDA IV CHANGE OF NAMES OF THE TRAINING CENTRES.

The Committee advised that from now on the names of the training centers should be Forestry Training Centre(South) & (North) as the case may be and not Forest Training (South) & (North) as used to be referred to, so far.

AGENDA V ESTABLISHMENT OF VAN VIGYAN KENDRA AT THE TRAINING CENTRE.

Proposal from DG/ICFRE for establishment of Van Vigyan Kendra was taken up for consideration. Addl PCCF/WP & Training informed the Committee that 2 proposals from Research and Development wings have been received in this regard. He observed that the DG/ICFRE had not made any firm commitment for fund placement for this purpose. He also informed that he had written to DG for sending the detail of such kendras of the States where it is already established. The Committee felt that reply of this may be awaited before taking any decision in this regard.

Addl PCCF also informed the Committee that CF/Dev has been nominated as the Nodal Officer for this purpose and DG/ICFRE has been informed accordingly.

AGENDA VICELEBRATION OF CENTENARY YEAR OF FTC(NORTH) EARSTWHILE WB FOREST SCHOOL.

The Committee recommended formation of a working group headed by the Addl PCCF/WP & Training and CF/Dev as Member- Secretary with following officers for drawing up suitable programs for Centenary Celebration of the School,

- 1. CCF/North
- 2. GM/WBFDC(North)

- 3. CF/WL
- 4. CF/Hills
- 5. CF/Project
- 6. Director/FTC(North)

The Committee requested PCCF/WB to issue necessary instruction in this regard.

AGENDAVII FIXING A DATE FOR 116TH FORESTRY TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

It is resolved that the next meeting of the Committee will be held in 2nd week of March/2007, the date of which will be informed to the members in due course subjected to the approval of the PCCF/WB.

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Conservator of Forests

Development Circle

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Member Secretary

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

West Bengal

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Chairman

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