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# MINUTES OF THE 119<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF FORESTRY TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010 AT 4-00 P.M. AT ADDL. CHIEF SECRETARY, DEPTT. OF FORESTS' CHEMBER, ROTONDA, WRITERS BUILDINGS, KOLKATA

### Following members attended the meeting:-

- 1. Shri K. S. Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal.
- 2. Dr A.K. Raha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, West Bengal.
- 3. Shri S.B. Mondal, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wild Life & Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal.
- 4. Shri S.S. Bist, IFS, Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited.
- 5. Shri N.C. Bahuguna, IFS, Additional P:rincipal Chief Conservator of Forests, Human Resource Development & Vigilance, West Bengal.
- 6. Shri A.B. Roy Chaudhury, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Finance, West Bengal (Guest).
- 7. Shri R.R. Panday, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Research & Development, West Bengal.
- 8. Shri N.K. Panday, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell.
- 9. Shri S. Seth, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, West Bengal. Member Secretary.

Shri K. S. Rajendra Kumar, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, presided over the meeting.

### AGENDA - I ::- FOLLOW UP ACTION OF 118<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

- i) As a part of follow up action of earlier resolution it was stated that Rajabhawkhawa Training Centre has renovated the old hostel buildings and started 53<sup>rd</sup> regular Forest Guard Training Course from 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. Now the classes being held at Interpretation Centre at Rajabhatkhawa with 26 nos. of students, the list of which has been placed in the meeting.
- ii) Clubbing short courses of 2 days to five days has been done. Since the regular course is going on at Dowhill and Rajabhatkhawa, it will start after completion of those regular course there.
- training programe on Office Procedure, Establishment Matters, Accounts, P.M.C., etc. has been held at Conference Hall, Aranya Bhawan, on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 for two days. Reading Materials for the training was prepared and distributed. Another such training has been earmarked at Sukna as per earlier resolution. P.C.C.F. & H.O.F.F./West Bengal said it should be done in more places like Bankura, Malda, Aliporeduar.

## AGENDA – II REVIVAL OF TRAINING CENTRE UNDER JICA PROJECT ISSUES RELATING TO CREATION OF NEW TRAINING CENTRE-CUM-STATE FORESTRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

i) It was pointed out in the meeting that MOEF, Govt. of India has approved two places for up-gradation of Training facilities under JICA Project i.e. at Rajabhatkhawa Forestry Training Centre and Dowhill West Bengal Forest School. P.C.C.F. & H.O.F.F. West Bengal said that Rejabhatkhawa training centre may be upgraded for Forest Guard 's Training while for Foresters Training he proposed a new site at Hijli near IIT, Kharagpur where our old training barrack exists. The proposal was accepted.

It was discussed that our FTC, Jhargram which has been handed over to Police Authority temporarily will be revered back after 2 to 3 years when the Police will set up their S.P. Office in a new place earmarked for them. At that time we may again utilize our Jhargram Centre as an extension of proposed Hijli Training Centre.

- Regarding Rajabhatkhawa Training Centre Addl. P.C.C.F., HR&D, West Bengal also pointed out Eco-tourism & Training should simultaneously may undergo there but the house did not accept it. Considering the constraint prevailing at Rajabhatkhawa including unavailability of staff staying there and considering future possibilities and communication facilities Chairman of the meeting asked to find out a land at Salugarh near Siliguri to set up Forest Training Centre at North Bengal.
- iii) For setting up of State Forestry Research Institute at Kalyani the earmarked land of 8.32 acres. will be too small. P.C.C.F. & H.O.F.F., West Bengal said a revised proposal is being sent comprising over 800 hundred hectares area with the Social Forestry Plantations 45 hectors. Chairman of the meeting pointed out that it will be difficult to get the land on transfer from Animal Husbandry Department.

### AGENDA - III UP-GRADATION OF THE EXISTING STAFF TRAINING FACILITIES:-

- i) C.C.F., Research & Development, West Bengal pointed out that the State Project Monitoring Unit (SPMU) is to be Notified first and then only the work of up-gradation of existing staff facilities can be taken up. He also pointed out the course module and reading materials and fund flow will be expedited in that case.
- One Director post is to be created with independent D.D.O.'s functions for Rajabhatkhawa Training Centre where now one Office on Special Duty has been posted. This is urgently required for smooth execution of existing training there and to regularize the Accounts there at Rajabhatkhawa. P.C.C.F. & H.O.F.F. was requested to take necessary action for sending proposal in this regard.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:-AGENDA - IV**

- Regarding the change of DR/Fr. Training from 1 (one) year to 6 (six) months, it was i) discussed that this change has been done as per the guideline of G.O.I. As per our earlier resolution we have adopted the decision that the Govt. of India's Guideline will be followed accordingly. Accordingly all the facilities like the 1st position holder of DR/Fr. Training will be promoted to Forest Ranger directly in case of 6 (six) months training also. Necessary amendment of the Government Order in this regard should be done.
- Regarding awarding incentives to the trainees it was resolved that food and lodging cost ii) will be provided to the regular trainees of Forest Guards, DR/Fr.'s and others by the Department. Necessary proposal should be initiated in this regard.

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