

**MINUTES OF THE 116th MEETING OF FORESTRY TRAINING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2008 (TUESDAY)
AT ARANYA BHAVAN, KOLKATA**

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Sri A.K. Raha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
2. Sri A. B. Ray Chaudhuri, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan & Training, West Bengal.
3. Sri U. K. Bhattacharya, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, West Bengal
4. Sri N Biswas, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan & Training, West Bengal.
5. Sri N. K. Pandey, IFS, Special Chief Conservator of Forests & Conservator of Forests, Personnel & Management Cell, West Bengal
6. Sri S. K. Sen, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, West Bengal.
7. Sri Omprakash, Director, Forest Training (N), Dowhill.

Sri A.K. Raha, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal presided over the meeting.

AGENDA I: CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 115TH MEETING AND TO FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

The Committee confirmed the proceeding of 115th meeting held on 7/11/2006.

AGENDA II: APPROVAL OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE PROCEEDING OF THE 115TH MEETING

The committee reviewed the progress made on the works as per minutes of the 115th meeting of and made the following recommendations,

- a. ***Training Program for Promotee DR/Fr:*** The Course Module of the training programme for promotee Dr/Fr. was examined in detail. In the 115th meeting it had been decided to shorten the duration from 3 to 2 month. CF/Development informed the Committee of the doubts regarding availability of the required number of trainees from Divisions. After long deliberation The Committee recommended that the duration of the training be made 1 month and the Course module should be suitably shortened.. At the end of the training an examination may be held and on the basis of the result of such examination appropriate incentives to successful candidates may be awarded. The Committee advised CF/Development to come up with a proposal. It was also recommended that both the training centres may conduct such training programmes.
- b. ***Change of Names of the Training Centres:*** The Committee recommended that the original name of Training Centre at Dowhill i.e. WB Forest School should be restored to continue with the tradition. The training centre at Jhargram may now be called Forest Training Centre, Jhargram and advised CF/ DC to initiate necessary proposals immediately.
- c. ***Establishment of Van Vigyan Kendra:*** The Committee took note of the fact that the Government of India had requested the State Forest Departments to establish a Van Vigyan Kendra. It was earlier felt that one of training centres may be developed as Van Vigyan Kendra. PCCF/WB informed the committee that Government of India is ready to provide fund for this purpose. The Committee decided that the matter may be referred to the PCCF/R&M for kind needful actions from his end.
- d. ***Centenary Celebration of WB Forest School, Dowhill :*** The committee recommended that size of the Celebration Committee formed vide the minute of 115th meeting need to be optimal so as to make it function effectively, and recommended the Committee to be formed as under,
- Additional PCCF/ Working Plan & Training (Chairman)
 - CCF/WL

- CCF/NB
- CF/Development (Member Secretary)
- Director/BF School

The committee enjoins CF/DC to take necessary action for convening meeting within 10 days to chalk out details of celebration programme, to be held in May 2008.

AGENDA III: APPROVAL OF SHORT TERM TRAINING SCHEDULE DURING 2007-08

The Committee observed that no short term training programme has been held during the year till now except two(2) front line training programme (15 days) one each at Sukna and Jhargram. The said training programs were funded by Government of India. The Committee recommended that training programme proposed in February-March/2008(as per enclosure to the Agenda Item Notes) i.e. 3 no: at Sukna, 4 no: at Jhargram, need to be conducted without fail, and advised CF/DC and Directors to take necessary actions to fix up the actual dates and correspond with the territorial officers.

AGENDA IV: RECONSTITUTION OF TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Committee felt that the decision in this regard may be deferred till implementation of IFS cadre-review.

AGENDA V: MISCELLANEOUS (IF ANY)

- a. The Committee recommended that next i.e.51st FG course at Jhargram may be held during August-February 2008 like previous year, and requested CF/PMC to take necessary actions for nomination of trainees in the said course. The committee also requested CF/PMC to ascertain the list of untrained DR/Fr so that DR/Fr training programme may be held during 2008. The committee also felt that if

sufficient no: of DR/Fr is not available one FG course may be conducted along with induction (1 month) course at Dowhill.

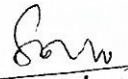
- b. The Committee requested CF/DC to come up with a training calendar for 2008-09 and authorized Additional PCCF/WP & Training to approve the same which will be placed before the Committee in next meeting.
- c. The Committee reviewed the faculty position i.e. instructors available for conducting training programme at both training centres. Director FTC (N) pointed out that at present there is only one Instructor available at Dowhill who has been continuing for 5 years and now represented for transfer. At Jhargram training centre one Instructor retired in Dec/2007 leaving two (2) Instructors at present. CF/DC informed the Committee that performance of the remaining Instructors is not up to the mark and replacement is urgently required. The committee was informed that a FR from the Wildlife Wing who is under order of transfer to Jhargram Training Centre as Instructor, has not yet joined the training Centre. The Committee advised the CCF/WL to kindly look into the matter and ensure early release of the officer. The Committee requested PCCF/WB and CF/PMC to kindly ensure
1. Placement of one Instructor at Dowhill and
 2. Replacement of the existing two Instructors at Jhargram Training Centre.
- d. In view of above the Committee requested CF/Development to explore the scope of engaging retired Forest Officers as instructor on contract basis at Dowhill/Jhargram and give feedback on the feasibility of such arrangement within 15 days of the meeting.
- e. Director FTC (N) had proposed thorough repair and renovation of Hostel Toilets at Dowhill so that in service training programs can also be conducted there. The Committee was informed that tenders for four (4) projects amounting Rs 21 lakh (approx) were invited. Out of 4, 3 no: will be undertaken under non-plan and 1 under State Plan for which GO has just been received. Observing that the four (4)

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projects form various components of the comprehensive repair works envisaged, the Committee recommended that the all the projects may be completed within the year. PCCF/WB has kindly agreed to provide the necessary fund. CF/DC informed that though all the estimated have been vetted by PWD as required by rule, specification measurements of some items are not complete. The Committee advised CF/DC to look into the matter and take up the work after resolving the issue.

AGENDA VI: FIXING A DATE FOR 117th FORESTRY TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Forestry Training Advisory Committee may be fixed on 06-03-08 at 12- 00 AM , subject to confirmation by the Chairman of the Committee.


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Conservator of Forests

Development Circle

&

Member- Secretary

Forestry Training Advisory Committee


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(A.K.RAHA)

Principal Chief Conservator of
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