MINUTES OF THE 112th MEETING OF FORESTRY TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY, 2005

Following members attended the meeting.

- 1. Shri G. B. Thaplyal, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
- Shri M. A. Sultan, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Working Plan & Monitoring, West Bengal.
- Shri A. B Roy Chowdhury, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Research & Development, West Bengal.
- 4. Shri A. Zaidi, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Personnel & Management, West Bengal.
- 5. Shri S. K. Sen, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, West Bengal.
- 6. Shri S. K. Mollay, WBFS, Director, Forest Training (S), Jhargram.

Sri G.B.Thapliyal, PCCF presided over the meeting.

Agenda I CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 111TH MEETING AND TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW UP ACTIONS.

Item 1 of follow up action: The committee expressed satisfaction over the completion of the process of handing over of the infrastructure of Rajabhatkhawa to B.T.R.

Item 2 of follow up action: Regarding 97th course of DR/Fr training at Forest Training (North), Dowhill, the Committee suggested a change in the date of convocation from 6th to 7th Oct, 2005 and approved the schedule. The Committee also authorized the Addl. PCCF, Research, WP and Monitoring to approve the list of the examiners of the course on the proposal to be sent through proper channel by the CF/DC by 31st March,2005. The Committee also took note of the fact that out of 34 as per list of nomination sent by CF/PMC for the training only 22 trainees reported at the Training Centre. Six DR/Fr were, however, exempted subsequently. The Committee advised that explanation should be called from those DR/Fr who though not exempted, failed to turn up for the training.

Item 3 of follow up action: The revised schedule of the 47th course of Forest Guards was approved by the Committee. The Committee was also apprised of the list of examiners for the final examination approved by the CCF/R&D as authorized by the

Committee in this regard. The Committee again took note of the fact that only 24 FG reported for undergoing training out of 60 nominated. The CF/PMC informed the Committee that a letter has already been issued asking explanation for not joining the training. The Committee advised that the matter be pursued seriously.

Item 4 of follow up action: The Committee approved the revised calendar for short term training courses for the year 2004-2005 which are in progress. The Committee however felt that it should be apprised of the particulars of various resource persons in such training programmes. The Committee authorized the Addl PCCF to approve the list of resource persons on receipt of proposal through proper channel, which may be duly placed in next meeting of the Committee. The Committee may review the same and issue necessary guidelines, as it deems fit.

Item 5 of follow up action: Regarding Training of Banashramiks CF/PMC informed the Committee that at present there are 1350 Banashramik of age less than 50 and educational qualification Class VIII and above. The Committee advised to finalise the course module at an early date.

AGENDA II APPROVAL OF 97th Course OF DR/FR. TRAINING AT FOREST TRAINING (N), DOWHILL FOR THE SESSION NOV/2004 – OCT./2005.

The committee modified and approved the revised training schedule as per Annexure I and authorized the Addl PCCF/RWPM to approve the list of examiners of the final examination.

AGENDA III APPROVAL OF 47th COURSE OF FOREST GUARD TRAINING AT FOREST TRAINING (S), JHARGRAM.

The committee approved the training schedule, and the list of examiners proposed vide the detailed note on agenda items for the meeting. The committee, however observed that the proposed Head Examiner is on prolonged medical leave and therefore, suggested that the proposed Moderator may also act as Head Examiner. The training schedule and the list of examiners approved by the Committee are annexed as Annx. II and III.

AGENDA IV APPROVAL OF 98th Course of Deputy Ranger/Forester training at Forestry Training (North), Dowhill for the session 2005-2006.

The Committee decided to consider it in the next meeting.

AGENDA V APPROVAL OF 48th SESSION OF FOREST GUARD TRAINING (6 MONTH) AT FOREST TRAINING (SOUTH) JHARGRAM.

The Committee approved the training schedule as per Annx IV. CF/PMC informed the committee that at present there are 176 untrained FG available. The Committee thought CF/DC may obtain a list of untrained FGs and expedite the matters relating to selection and follow up action. CF/DC may make selection of trainees and submit the proposal through proper channel to the Addl PCCF/RWPM for favor of approval and issue of necessary orders. The committee deliberated in depth regarding utility of Rifle Training in the curriculum of FG training and finally resolved that it may continue at present.

AGENDA VI APPROVAL OF SHORT TERM TRAINING COURSE FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF FOREST OFFICIALS DURING 2005-2006.

The Committee approved the proposed courses with some modifications and further additions. The approved Courses are enclosed in Annx V. It was also suggested that the WL Management Course may be broken up into three distinct components each having duration of 1 day, as under

- 1. Illegal traffic in respect of WL
- 2. Management of NP & Sanctuaries
- 3. Man animal conflict, Tranquilization.
- 4. WL Acts & Rules.

The frontline forest staff and FR may take training in one or all of the above components in such a course.

The committee also advised to organize short-term training on a) Recent advancements in Silviculture (in North and South WB) b) Medicinal Plants (1day) c) Soil Conservation techniques in Hills. The second training may also be imparted to the FPC members. CF/DC was advised to submit the final training calendar through proper channel to Addl. PCCF/RWPM for approval.

AGENDA VII APPROVAL OF TRAINING FOR FRONTLINE STAFF (DR/FR & FG) AS PRESCRIBED BY GOVT. OF INDIA.

The Committee considered the difficulties regarding the course module and other pending correspondences in this matter. CCF/R&D informed that a complete module has been brought from GOI. The Committee advised CF/DC to take immediate steps so that adequate no: of such trainings can be organized both in North and South WB in the next financial year.

AGENDA VIII MISCELLANEOUS (IF ANY)

The Committee advised CF/DC to study the recent GOI guidelines on DR/Fr and FG training course and initiate a suitable proposal through proper channel. The Committee also advised to stop the practice, if any, of payment of honorarium to the resource persons/examiners etc by the Directors of the training centers.

AGENDA IX FIXING A DATE FOR 113th forestry Training advisory committee meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Forestry Training Advisory Committee may be fixed on 20-09-05 at 12- 00 AM, subject to confirmation by the President of the Committee.

80 m

S.K.SEN Conservator of Forsets Development Circle

Member- Secretary
Forestry Training Advisory Committee

G.B.THAPLIYAL
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
West Bengal

& Chairman Forestry Training Advisory Committee