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**Minutes of the 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the State Forestry Training Advisory Committee held on 18.09.2012.**

The Following officers attended the meeting :

1. Dr. S.K. Das, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
2. Shri S.S. Bist, IFS, PCCF (HoFF) W.B. & MD, W.B.F.D.C. Ltd.
3. Shri S.B. Mondal, IFS, PCCF/Wildlife.
4. Shri A. K. Raha, IFS, PCCF/General.
5. Shri N.C. Bahuguna, IFS, Addl. PCCF, HRD & Vigilance.
6. Shri N. K. Pandey, IFS, Addl. PCCF & Chairman of SPMU.
7. Shri S.K. Sen, IFS, CCF/ Research & Development.
8. Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Spl. CCF & CF/DC.
9. Shri Subrata Dutta, IAS, Addl. Secretary, Forest Department, West Bengal.

Conservator of Forests, Development Circle placed the agenda for discussion & taking decision.

**Agenda No. I** – Training of Newly recruited Forest Rangers.

Shri N.K. Pandey, IFS, Addl. PCCF & CCF/PMC briefed that necessary formalities for selection of Forest Rangers by PSC has been completed and around 20 newly recruited Forest Rangers are likely to join the service. He pointed out that Director, Forestry Education, Govt. of India has communicated that their regular training of 18 months can not be held at present as all the Rangers Training Centre are running full capacity. In this circumstances the State Govt. has to decide about giving one month orientation training to these Range officers and then posting them in field.

**Decision – I**

It was decided that one month Orientation Training of the newly recruited Forest Rangers would be held at West Bengal Forest School, Dowhill, Kurseong. The necessary fund for this purpose would be provided by the Forest Department. The CF/Development Circle would submit necessary estimates to CCF/R&D.

**Agenda No. II** – Fund for Training of Front Line Staff.

CF/Development Circle briefed that estimates for training of front line staff has been submitted under State Plan. However, the regular training course of Forest Guards could not be started as Scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2012 due to non issuance of sanction order & Loc. Further, the fund for short Course as directed by Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest could be taken up due to lack of fund.

**Decision – II**

Forest Department would immediately release sanction fund for regular training of Forest Guards. In order to take up the short courses and the one month orientation course of Range Officers, the fund provided to Development Circle during 2012-13 in the blue budget book would be released soon.

**Agenda No. III** - Implementation of the JICA funded project on “Capacity development for Forest Management & Training of Forest Personnel”

The Chairman SPMU briefed the progress of implementation the project. He told that the tender documents of the project approved by MoEF, Govt. of India for rehabilitation of the West Bengal Forest School, Dowhill has been prepared and necessary certificates of Architect & Structural

Engineers has been obtained. The tender documents and terms and conditions was sent vide letter No. 4681/P&S(P)/3D-377(A)/11 dated 04.09.12 to the Forest Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal for approval. Further in terms of G.O. No. 3652-For/FR/P/D/II/IS-70/2000 dated 7/11/2001 all the estimates relating to construction works/Renovation need to be vetted by PWD, Govt. of West Bengal. Further, it was pointed out that the PWD authorities were approached and told that they are presently overburdened with many ongoing schemes and vetting of more than 12 Schemes would take much time. The matter discussed by the officers present in the meeting & following decision was taken.

**Decision – III**


1. The technical & financial vetting of the estimates related to construction/renovation of building under the JICA Project would be done by Engineer appointed by the State Zoo Authority / Engineer of GTA.
2. The technical aspect of the tender notice is to be vetted by Engineer of the State Govt. The SPMU is authorized to approve the terms & conditions of tender document
3. Open tender is to be floated by giving wide publicity in newspapers & Govt. Websites.
4. The SPMU is authorized to take all major decisions regarding implementation of the project funded by JICA in order to complete the targets in time.

**Agenda No. IV** - Regarding training of promotee Forest Guards & DR/Fr.

**Decision – IV**

It was decided that the regular training of promotee Forest Guards and Deputy Rangers would be only for one month in order to clear the backlog as they had already gained much field experience in their long service and are near their retirement.

The meeting ended with thanks to all.

  
Additional Chief Secretary, 25/9/12  
Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal  
&  
Chairman, State Forestry Training Advisory Committee