



Minutes of the 124th meeting of the State Forestry Training Advisory Committee held on 22.04.2014

The following officers attended the meeting:

1. Shri N C Bahuguna, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), West Bengal.
2. Shri D K Ghosh, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Monitoring and Development, West Bengal.
3. Shri U Bhattacharya, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wild Life, West Bengal.
4. A Zaidi, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal.
5. Shri N K Pandey, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Human Resource Development, West Bengal.
6. Shri S Dhandiyal, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CPD, WB Forest & Bio-Diversity Conservation Project, West Bengal.
7. Shri D Biswas, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Research and Development, West Bengal.
8. Shri S Mukherjee, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell, West Bengal.
9. Shri S S Dey, IFS, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, West Bengal.

In absence of the Chairman, PCCF (HoFF) took the chair and the following agenda were placed by the Member Secretary for discussion and taking decision.

Agenda No. I - Clearing of backlog of Training for front line staff.

Shri Sandipan Mukherjee, Chief Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell apprised that there is huge backlog of untrained front line staff which is given below in tabular form.

Category of frontline staff	Direct recruit	Promote
DR/Fr	74	220
FG	399	307

Decision-I The backlog should be cleared phase-wise manner separately for Direct Recruit (6 months duration) and Promotee (1 month duration) as per the availability of fund.

Agenda No. II - Fund for pertaining training to front line staff.

CF/Development Circle briefed that estimate for training of front line staff were submitted under State Plan in the year 2013-14. But Rs.10 lakh was allocated in the H/s 2406-102-022-Resh & Seed Propagation-98-Training to Treasury which could not be made expenditure.

It is proposed by the CF/DC that the entire amount allocated for Training should be released under 2415-Agri Resh & Education-06-004-002-Other Charge so that there should not be any fractination of Head of Service to make better planning in the beginning of the financial year.

Decision-II - PCCF (HoFF), West Bengal appraised that proposal will be initiated accordingly to Finance Deptt, Govt of West Bengal. Till then training should be followed as per Calendar of work as published for 2014-15.

Agenda No. III - Adoption of proposed training calendar.

The proposed training calendar shows that there is one regular course of DR/Fr for 6 months duration and one refreshers course for Forest Guards for one month duration and General refreshers course for DR/Fr for one month duration in 2014. Regular course for DR/Fr is scheduled to be started at Dowhill from May, 2014 and will be ended in October, 2014. Others two will be conducted in the month of August, 2014 and October-Nov, 2014 at Rajabhatkhawa and Sukna respectively.

There were proposal for several other short term training of one week duration both for South Bengal and North Bengal along with training related to JFM, Nursery and GIS/GPS.

Decision-III - It was decided that scheduled training as per calendar will be undertaken with priority. The others will be considered whenever fund will be available. For training, related to Nursery, JFM and GIS/GPS, fund could be procured from WB Forest & Bio-Diversity Conservation Project, West Bengal (JICA). Necessary estimates to be sent to CPD, WBFBCP by the CF, Devt Circle.

Agenda No. IV - Construction and renovation of SFTI, Hijli and WBFS, Dowhill.

CF/Development Circle informed that the Construction and renovation of SFTI, Hijli and WBFS, Dowhill is going on satisfactorily. It is expected that the work will be completed in Nov, 2014 and Dec, 2014 respectively.

First phase works of SFTI, Hijli was for Rs.9.27 Crores which has been provided by MOEF, GoI. But for 2nd phase an amount of Rs.2.3625 Crores will be required to complete the project. Consequently an amount of Rs.9.826 lakh will also be required for payment as Service Tax to consultants as per agreement. The aforesaid amount has to be provided from State Govt end.

Decision-IV - PCCF (HoFF) informed that the required fund will be provided with priority. In the meanwhile the process of estimate vetting, e-tendering etc should be initiated.

Agenda No. V - Co-option of member of SFTAC.

PCCF, Wild Life Sri U Bhattacharya proposed that as the PCCF, General is not a member of the SFTAC, he may be co-opted as member of the said committee. He also proposed that in absence of the Chairman, PCCF (HoFF) may chair the meeting.

Decision-V - It is decided that PCCF,General is co-opted as member of the SFTAC and PCCF (HoFF) will chair the meeting in absence of Chairman.

The meeting ended with thanks to all.


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
West Bengal.