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**Minutes of the 122nd meeting of the State Forestry Training Advisory Committee
held on 21.05.2012.**

The following officers attended the meeting

1. Dr. S.K. Das, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest Department, West Bengal.
2. Shri S.B. Mondal, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife.
3. Shri Rakesh Sinha, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head Quarter & Chairman of SPMU
4. Shri N.C. Bahuguna, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Human Resource Development & Vigilance.
5. Shri R.R. Pandey, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Research & Development.
6. Shri N.K. Pandey, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell.
7. Shri V.K. Yadav, IFS, Spl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Conservator of Forests, Development Circle.

Conservator of Forests, Development Circle placed the Action taken report of the 121st meeting before the members for discussion.

Addl. Chief Secretary, Forests, Govt. of West Bengal pointed out that notification for shifting of the Headquarter of Forestry Training Centre from Jhargram to Hizli (kharagpur) had been issued. Conservator of Forests, Development Circle informed that the order has been implemented by the Director, Forestry Training Centre. The members suggested that the MOEF, Govt. of India is using the terminology- "State Forestry Training Institute" in their correspondence and so the said terminology may be used to avoid confusions to give status of the State Forestry Institute as it is the only training Centre for field Staff in South Bengal

Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest agreed to consider the matter and issue orders. Further, he opined that Staff Strength for all the Training Institutes should be finalized and necessary proposal should be submitted by Chief Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell for issuing orders. He said that guidelines given by JICA and MOEF should be followed in this regard. The posting of faculty members is important to utilize their services for running different Courses. Chief Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell opined that Range Officers could be posted as Faculty members in order to implement JICA guidelines.

Add. Chief Secretary, Forest agreed to the proposal that the Forest Department's order regarding constitution of SPMU need rectification and the terminology – State Project Management Unit would be used instead of State project Monitoring Unit in accordance with MOU signed by the State Govt.

Conservator of Forests, Development Circle apprised all the members that a preliminary Survey of the 29 acre identified land has been completed. Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest stated that the process of engagement of Architecture firm for planning and preparation of DPR of the Institute at Hizli should be completed by end of May, 2012. The formalities in connection with clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980, should also be completed by end of May, 2012. Further, he said that total plan for the 29 acre area should be prepared.

Conservator of Forests, Development Circle briefed the members that MOEF, Govt. of India had Sanctioned the DPR of West Bengal Forest School, Dowhill on 19.04.2012. They released Rs. 2,56,84030 and adjusted Rs. 1,43,10,000 which was released earlier. The total fund now available is 3,99,94,030/- for West Bengal Forest School, Dowhill.

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Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest instructed to prepare tender documents and float it giving wide publicity so that the works are completed in time. He further, stated that necessary revised order would be issued regarding opening of bank account of the SPMU and Forestry Training Institutes.

Conservator of Forests, Development Circle placed the Annual Training Calender for 2012-13 before the members which was approved. Conservator of Forests, Development Circle said that necessary funds has been indicated for each training. Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest said that necessary fund would be provided for conducting Training during the year 2012-13.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Research & Development pointed out that there is backlog of training for more than 800 Forest Guards and 300 Foresters. It was pointed out that many of the untrained field staff are near retirement. Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest stated that the training guidelines should be finalized in a meeting of Concerned Officers within May, 2012 and necessary proposal should be submitted to the Forest department. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Human Resource Development & Vigilance agreed to hold the meeting as early as possible to finalise the issue. Further, members suggested that priority should be given to training Forest Guard and DR/Fr who have more than five years of service and to the newly recruited staff.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting.

DECISION – I

Forest Department would issue notification regarding renaming of the Forestry Training Centre/School as State Forestry Training Institute.

DECISION – II

Chief Conservator of Forests, Personnel Management Cell would submit proposal to the Forest Department regarding Staff Strength of different SFTI as per guidelines of JICA by 1st week of June, 2012.

DECISION – III

Forest Department would issue revised order regarding State Project Management Unit.

DECISION – IV

Engagement of Consultant Architecture firm for planning & supervision of SFTI Hizli is to be finalized by end of May, 2012.

DECISION – V

Proposal regarding use of 2 hectare of forest land for construction of building of the Institute at Hizli under FCA, 1980 should be submitted to the Forest Department by end of May, 2012.

DECISION – VI

Tender should be floated for rehabilitation of West Bengal Forest School, Dowhill as per approved DPR to utilize the fund within 2012-13.

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The Forest Department would issue revised order regarding opening of Bank Account by SPMU and SFTI.

DECISION – VIII


The Annual Training Calendar for the year 2012-13 was approved by the committee and necessary fund would be provided for its implementation.

DECISION – IX

Training Guideline would be finalized and submitted to the Forest Department at an early date.

DECISION – X

Priority would be given to training the Forest Guards and DR/Fr. who have more than five years of service and to the newly recruited staff in order to clear the backlog.


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