MINUTES OF THE 113th MEETING OF FORESTRY TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER, 2005

Following members attended the meeting.

- 1. Shri G. B. Thaplyal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
- Shri K.C.Gayen, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Development and Planning, West Bengal.
- Shri M. A. Sultan, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Working Plan & Monitoring, West Bengal.
- 4. Shri A. B Ray Chaudhuri, Chief Conservator of Forests, Research & Development, West Bengal.
- Shri S.Mukherji, Conservator of Forests, Personnel & Management, West Bengal.
- 6. Shri S. K. Sen, Conservator of Forests, Development Circle, West Bengal.
- 7. Shri Omprakash, Director, Forest Training (N), Dowhill.
- 8. Shri B. Haldar, Director, Forest Training (S), Jhargram.

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

AGENDA I CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 112TH MEETING AND TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

The Committee approved the list of examiners for 97th course of DR/Fr which is enclosed in Anx I.

Regarding non-reporting of trainees (DR/Fr and FG) for the training, the Committee was informed that the CCF/R&D had been authorized to take decision in the matter of exempting trainees from the training. DFOs have also been authorized to propose for substitution in genuine cases etc, which is to be approved by the CCF/R&D. The Committee advised the CF/PMC to pursue the case for absentees in previous courses.

The Committee reiterated that during field tours the trainees should be addressed by the local officers and advised the Directors to ensure the same.

Regarding short-term Courses the Committee suggested that the course materials brought and circulated by the Resource Persons (RP) during their lectures, may further be suitably edited, if necessary, by the Directors and then sent back to the RP for their

use in the next training sessions. The Committee advised that the performance of the RP may be gauged by scrutinizing the feed back forms submitted by the trainees.

The Committee also advised to consider inviting RPs from outside of the Forest Directorate e.g. NBU, NAEB, RKM for DR/Fr course at Dowhill. PCCF/WB observed that if speakers from various organization and fields having divergent ideas on current issues are invited to address the trainees, the content and quality of the training will improve. Such Resource Persons may also be paid remuneration as per GOI rates plus transportation charges. The Committee authorized the CF/DC to initiate proposals in this regard.

The Committee authorized the Addl PCCF/RWPM to finally approve the course module (7 days) for the training of Banashramiks after due modification, if any.

The Committee expressed satisfaction over all other follow up actions taken on the decisions adopted in the 112TH meeting, and approved the same.

AGENDA II APPROVAL OF 98th Course OF DR/FR. TRAINING AT FOREST TRAINING (N), DOWHILL FOR THE SESSION NOV/2005 – OCT./2006.

The Committee expressed satisfaction over the fact that this year selection of trainees has been done on time. The Committee suggested that the First Aid Class may be held for two days in place of one as has been proposed and approved the proposed Training Schedule which is annexed (Annx II). The Committee decided to defer the decision for date of final examination as well as the names for Examiners until the next meeting in February, 2006.

AGENDA III APPROVAL OF 48th 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 training schedule and the list of examiners approved by the Committee are annexed as Annx. III and IV. The Committee however noted that no Instructor has been posted at the Training Centre although the Course has commenced and requested the CF/PMC to take necessary actions with the

approval of the PCCF/WB to fill two (2) vacant posts of Instructors so that the Course can be conducted as per Schedule.

AGENDA IV APPROVAL OF SHORT TERM TRAINING COURSES DURING THE YEAR 2005-06.

The Committee approved the training Calendar for short term courses as per Annx V. Regarding finalisation of course module, the Committee authorized the Addl PCCF/RWPM to approve the course module for different topics. The Committee stressed on the necessity for improvement of residential facilities for trainees in short term course. The Committee advised that keeping in view of the feasibility of providing suitable facilities the Director may choose to conduct such training either at Dowhill or Sukna.

AGENDA V APPROVAL OF TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR FRONTLINE STAFF (SPONSORED BY GOI).

The Committee approved the proposed courses and advised to correspond with GOI for organizing 4 no: of such courses in the next year. The Committee also authorized the Addl PCCF to approve the module placed in the meeting with necessary modifications. Further the Committee entrusted the CF/DC to correspond with the respective CFs for deputing the participants for the training. The Committee advised that suitable officers having age less than 50 amongst trained direct recruit staff need to be nominated for such training.

AGENDA VI APPROVAL OF BANASHRAMIK TRAINING COURSE (7 DAYS) AT FOREST TRAINING(S) JHARGRAM.

The Committee appreciated that in view of the large no: of BS to be trained and the resource constraint of the Training Centre at Jhargram in holding such training along with the regular FG courses, not more than 3/4 trainings can be held in a year. The Committee authorized the Addl PCCF/RWPM to finalise the Course Module placed in the meeting, and suggested that BS having age not more than 50 and having requisite qualification may be selected for the training to start with.

AGENDA VIII MISCELLANEOUS (IF ANY)

The Committee deliberated on routine health check up of the trainees during the period of training so that timely intervention may be made in case of serious complication. It authorized the CCF/R&D to consider the proposal from the Directors for engagement of suitable Doctors on a regular basis. The Committee advised to earmark Rs 10000/year in each Training Centers for this purpose.

The Committee has also been apprised of the fact that the condition of vehicle of both of the Training Centres is very poor and need to be replaced as early and possible. The Addl PCCF/D&P has agreed to look into the matter urgently.

Director, FT(N) proposed to the Committee for adequate incentive to the trainees coming 1st in the final examination since the earlier rule for direct nomination to the FR Course has been dispensed with. The Committee welcomed the proposal and asked the Director to initiate suitable proposal in this regard. The Committee also suggested to initiate suitable proposal for incentive to the faculties in the training Institution as per Govt of India's circular.

AGENDA IX FIXING A DATE FOR 114th forestry Training advisory committee meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Forestry Training Advisory Committee may be fixed on 21-02-06 at 12- 00 AM , subject to confirmation by the President of the Committee.

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