

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Executive Body of the Tripura JICA Project held under the chairmanship of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Tripura) on 29th June, 2010 at 4.30 p.m.

The 11th meeting of the Executive Body of Tripura JICA Project was held under the chairmanship of the PCCF, Tripura in the conference hall of Aranya Bhawan, Agartala on the 29th June, 2010 at 4.30 p.m. The name of the participants present is appended.

The following issues considered pertinent were discussed,

- Review of minutes of previous Executive Body meeting held on 3rd April, 2010.
- Issues relating to convergence of activities with other line departments especially for CSS like ICDS, NRHM, SSA etc.
- Recasting of project activities.
- Conversion of mono-culture plantation to mixed crop in non-JFM mode.
- Demarcation of forest land allotted under RFR Act.
- Misc.

After detail discussion the following decisions emerged in the meeting,

- 1) The contribution of Forest Officials towards Tripura JICA Project shall be determined by calculating the total man-hour devoted by an employee down to the level of F.G/ MCW related to JICA works. The man-hour so calculated may be converted to salary paid proportionately. Conservator of Forests of Southern Circle as well as Northern Circle have been entrusted for their respective circle and requested to complete the task and submit report to the Project Management Unit of Tripura JICA Project within July, 2010 positively.
 - Action by CF, NC and CF, SC
- 2) Reminders to be given to the CPOs viz. CPO Teliamura/ Kanchanpur/ Gumti to send the proposal for diversion of forest land for raising rubber plantation in respective RGVs under their control. As suggested by the Chairman, Executive Body the matter is to be taken up by the respective Conservator of Forests immediately.
 - Action by CF, NC and CF, SC
- 3) Matters relating to convergence of activities with other line departments should be taken up further at the meeting of Governing Body. However, the following measures were suggested.
 - Action by Director (P&I)

i) One member of each JFMC may participate in the Village Education Committee consisting of 7 members where local Pradhan is the Chairman. Besides, members of Tripura JICA Project (FF / LC / CO) may also participate in Community Awareness Program organized by the village Education Committee.

- Action by all CPOs

ii) Two nos. Multipurpose Workers (MPWs) should be invited as special invitee in each JFMC meeting. This will help in coordination with the NRHM. Beside this, JFMCs may participate in awareness campaign organized by NRHM.

- Action by all CPOs

iii) Vocational Training Centers (VTCs) can be utilized by the workers of ICDS where there is acute shortage of accommodation. Similarly MPWs can also use VTC buildings as and when required.

- Action by all CPOs

iv) For better development works in the Re-grouped Forest Villages (RGVs), resources from other line departments can be tapped and clubbed together. ICDS, NRHM & SSA may extend their activities in those JFMCs where they have not yet gone.

- Action by CPO- Teliamura/ Kanchanpur/ Gumti / Bagafa and Dep't. of ICDS/ NRHM/ SSA

v) Field Facilitators (FFs) may be trained in NRHM, ICDS & SSA in such a way that they can impart training to others. Programme should be chalked out in a manner so that all the three sectors are covered simultaneously.

- Action by NRHM/ ICDS/ SSA/ All CPOs

4) The revised target of AR and ANR has been approved by the Executive Body as under. With a view to achieve the target enrichment of plantations can also be taken up in old JFMCs.

Sl. No.	Forest Treatment Model	Original target as per MoD	Proposed revised target
1.	Artificial Regeneration (AR)	27,500 hectare	15,500 hectare
2.	Aided Natural Regeneration (ANR)	16,800 hectare	28,800 hectare
Total		44,300 hectare	44,300 hectare

- Action by all CPOs

- 5) The work relating to conversion of mono-culture plantation (Teak plantation) to mixed crop can be taken up to those JFMCs where Teak plantations were taken up under National Afforestation Programme (NAP).
- Action by all CPOs
- 6) Revenue Department may be requested to take up the work for demarcation of forest land allotted under RFR Act. for taking up social forestry plantation on such plots.
- 7) Model Aqua-village can be taken up in selected JFMCs. Prawn cultivation may be taken up in the water bodies available in JFMCs.
- Action by Dep't. of Fisheries
- 8) This year JFMCs under Pecharthal, Mungiakami, kanchanpur and Silachari RMUS shall be allowed to collect broom sticks. In other RMUs the collection will remain as such i.e, by the MARKFED.
- 9) Action may be taken to develop viable and model Agro-Forestry plantation in collaboration with other line departments at a few selected sites.
- Action by Director (Planning)
- 10) Special meeting to be convened to discuss the activities of NCE (Non-Timber Forest Produce Centre of Excellence).
- Action by Director, NCE
- 11) During May- 2010 reimbursement claim for Rs. 306.00 lakhs had been sent to JICA, New Delhi but disbursement has not yet been received. Chairman of the Executive Body suggested that as soon as we receive disbursement from JICA, it may be forth with intimated to Finance Department, Government of Tripura.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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