

**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body of Tripura Forest Environment Improvement and Poverty Alleviation Society held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura on 16/08/10**

**Venue:-** Conference Hall No.2 of Civil Secretariat, Agartala

The Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura, Chairman of the Society presided over the meeting. A name of other officers present is annexed as Annexure I.

As per the agenda following issues were discussed-

- (i) Review of decisions taken in the last meeting
- (ii) Extension of Consultancy Services in the Tripura JICA Project
- (iii) Review of progress of the Tripura JICA Project.
- (iv) Convergence with other developmental Projects/Schemes
- (v) Acceptance of Audit Report for FY 2008-09 and Audit certificate issued by AG, Tripura for FY 2007-08.
- (vi) Enhancement of Technical Sanction Power of the CPOs
- (vii) Other relevant issues

After discussion following decisions were taken.

1. The action taken on the decisions taken in the last meeting of the Governing Body on 21/05/2009 was discussed and confirmed. The same is enclosed as annexure.
2. **Extension of Consultancy Services in the Tripura JICA Project.**

A committee comprising three members viz. Shri. Kumar Alok, Commissioner & Secretary, Rural Development Department, Shri. Balbir Singh, Chief Conservator of Forests and Dr. A.M. Kanfade, Director (Planning & Implementation), Tripura JICA Project will examine the requirement of extension of Consultancy Services and submit a comprehensive report on which the matter will be decided by the Chairman of Governing Body in file.

### 3. Progress of the project

3.1 Preparation of GIS based JFMC maps where maps are yet to be prepared will be undertaken jointly by the Project and Tripura Space Application Centre and completed by September 10. Land use GIS maps will be prepared for each beneficiary and will be made available to the DMs/ BDOs for coordinating work of various line departments like Fisheries, Animal Resource Development, Rural Development, Tribal Welfare department etc. A committee comprising Commissioner and Secretary Science & Technology, Government of Tripura and Director, P&I, Tripura JICA Project shall over see this work.

3.2 The Chairman emphasised that basic details on the Standard Management Manual, Micro Plan Preparation Guidelines, Accounting Procedure Guidelines, SHG Handbook, JFMC Manual and Microplanning Guidelines should be published in Bengali for generating awareness and involvement of the target group and the community. The newsletters should be published in Bengali in simple language with bigger font and few photographs.

3.3 The representatives of Fisheries, Animal Resource Development, Rural Development, Tribal Welfare department shall send a list of 4-5 field personnel who have done outstanding work in the project for National and International level exposure/visiting training under the project for getting greater exposure as well as recognition/ motivation.

3.4 The Chairman further emphasised on the need for holding trainings at community level at regular intervals for skill development.

3.5 Copy of microplan will be made available to Block Development Officers and other line departments like Fisheries, Animal Resource Development, Rural Development, Tribal Welfare department etc for bringing about synergy, better co-ordination and avoid duplication.

- 3.6 Shri. Balbir Singh, CCF was requested to work out details in consultation with the Director, P&I, Tripura JICA Project for preparation of quality planting material by using the necessary infrastructure of Forest Department and with the fund available with the Project by September 2010. The Plan prepared by PCCF may be kept in view.
- 3.7 VTCs constructed under the Project will also be utilized for multifarious use of the local community such as running of the Angan Wadi Centre under ICDS and other programmes relating to health, education, sanitation etc.
- 3.8 Livelihood development activities should be taken up in convergence with ADC and Tribal Welfare department for maximising the benefits and providing the full unit cost.
- 3.9 Medicinal Plants under the project shall be integrated with the activities of the Medicinal Plant Board of Tripura in taking up only the selected species and provide required forward and backward linkages under the Agro forestry component of the project.
- 3.10 Shri Balbir Singh was requested to prepare details on taking up of rubber plantation over 2100 ha of RFR lands and for taking up the matter with ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India for meeting the need of the community as a part of Rehabilitation of Shifting Cultivators as per the advice of Dr. V.K. Bahuguna.
- 3.11 Experience of Tripura Bamboo Mission in making *Agarbatti* sticks and other bamboo products on a commercial scale should be replicated under the non timber forest products component of the project.
- 3.12 NCE shall take up employment generation activity for 20000 families on priority in co-ordination with other line departments and forests department.

#### 4. **Convergence with other developmental Projects/Schemes.**

The project will be implemented in close coordination with other line departments. The District level Committee constituted under the chairmanship of DM and Collector shall meet at least once in 3 months and look into the implementation of the project in general and convergence with activities of the line departments in particular. Emphasis shall be laid in providing sanitation for all with the fund available for providing sanitation with special attention to interior areas and involvement of the JFMCs formed under the project.

5. The Audit Report for FY 2008-09 and Audit certificate issued by AG, Tripura for FY 2007-08 were discussed and accepted.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the chair.



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Chief Secretary, Tripura  
Chairman, Governing Body,  
TFIPA Society

