

Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of APFBC Society

24/04/2019

12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Environment & Forest Department. A list of members/ invitees present in the meeting is at **Annexure-1**.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present in the meeting and requested the Member Secretary to initiate agenda-wise discussions. A gist of discussions held is under:

1. Agenda-1: The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of APFBC were confirmed.
2. Agenda-2: With respect to the actions taken on the issues flagged in the previous meeting, it was informed that:
  - a. About 80% of the works of the Rehabari Residential Complex has been completed and the tentative dates for handing over of different Blocks was as under:
    - i. Block A: by end May, 2019
    - ii. Block B: by mid June, 2019
    - iii. Block C: by Nov., 2019
    - iv. Block D: by end May, 2019
  - b. The court case related to the Annex Building at Panjabari has been disposed of after withdrawal of the case by the petitioner.
  - c. The Great Hornbill Park was fully functional.
3. Agenda 3:
  - a. The Physical Progress Report highlighted the following facts:
    - i. Component-1 - nearly all activities completed. About 20% works at Rehabari Residential Complex and a part of office construction at Majuli remains to be completed.
    - ii. Component-2 – The Computer facility has been provided to all Ranges and account Beat Offices.

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The committee noted that though the Forest Management Information System (FMIS) for various issues have been prepared and being partly used, it was desired that all these MIS shall be put to full use. It was decided that the department shall switch over to reporting through MIS only within the period of three month from hence. Additional manpower support if required, may be provided from the Project

- iii. Component-3: The Committee noted that a total of 21,655 ha. of plantations was carried out under the Project. It was decided that for each block of plantation a separate dossier shall be maintained by keeping periodical assessment reports including photographs both from the ground and drone/ satellite imageries.
  - iv. Component-4: With respect to engagement of communities through JFMCs/EDCs, it was suggested that separate dossiers of each JFMC/EDC shall be maintained for assessment of impact of project interventions in terms of outcome on livelihoods of communities.
- b. Financial progress: The Project Director informed that:
- i. The total size of the Project (APFBC-1) stood at Rs. 251.50 cr. of which Rs. 229 cr. (91.05%) was AfD contribution and Rs. 22.50 cr. (8.95%) State share.
  - ii. A total expenditure of Rs. 232.32 cr. was already accounted for, Rs. 0.99 cr. was with the two FIUs and Rs. 18.20 cr. with PMU.
  - iii. The committed liabilities exist to the tune of Rs. 18.10 cr.
  - iv. The Component wise final expenditure by the end of Phase - I of APFBC shall stand as below:
    1. Component -1: Rs. 123.08 (48.93%)
    2. Component-2: Rs. 2.93 (1.17%)
    3. Component -3: Rs. 103.56 (41.19%)
    4. Component -4: Rs. 12.92 (5.14%)

5. Component -5: Rs. 8.98 (3.57%)

4. Agenda-4: The committee was briefed about the visit of the AfD Supervision Mission to Assam from 13-19 March, 2019 and decision regarding Phase-II of the APFBC with the total outlay of Euro 62.5 million (AfD 50 million State Share 12.5 Million) .
5. Agenda-5: The Deputy Project Director presented an overview of the Phase-II as elaborated in the Feasibility Report:
- a. The Component wise breakup was as under :
    - i. Component-1: Conservation of Ecosystem Rs. 313.29 (62.65%)
    - ii. Component 2: Community Engagement Rs. 90.17 (18.03%)
    - iii. Component-3: Institutional Strengthening Rs. 79.42 (15.88%)
    - iv. Contingency: Rs. 17.12 (3.42%)
  - b. The breakdown of outlay was as under:
    - i. Plantations: Rs. 199.69 cr. (40%)
    - ii. Community engagement: Rs. 90.17cr. (18.04%)
    - iii. Technology Support: Rs. 57.51 cr. (11.42%)
    - iv. Vehicle, (including boats/ RRTs): Rs 17.13 cr. (3.14%)
    - v. Building: Rs. 27.32 cr. (5.43%)
    - vi. Training/ Exposure visit: Rs. 4.91 (0.97%)
  - c. Shri. Prashant Dhanda, IFS, DCF made a presentation about various technology interventions:
    - i. The Committee recommended that the Sound Based Monitoring and Aerostat proposal shall be included in the Feasibility Report.
    - ii. The committee suggested that the Monitoring facility shall be made available not just at the HQ but also at the Circle and Zonal offices.
6. Agenda-6: Matters for discussions/ decisions
- a. The committee approved the component wise final figures of expenditure for the AFPBC for moving proposal for ex-post facto amendment to the Credit Facility Agreement (between DEA and

AfD) and the Project Agreement (between the AfD and the State Government) of the APFBC Phase-I.

- b. The committee was appraised of the two options available with PMU for Preparatory works for launch of Phase-II. It was decided to send the response to the queries raised by AfD for engaging present consultant team.
- c. It was suggested to move a proposal for the Governing Body meeting of the APFBC Society at the earliest convenience of the Chairman.
- d. It was decided to hold the next meeting of EC in the <sup>1st</sup> week of July, 2019

The meeting ended with thanks from Chair to everyone present.

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12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society

Date : 24/04/2019 at 12.00 P.M.

Venue : Conference Hall of Additional Chief Secretary,  
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