

## Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Governing Body of Assam Project on Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Society

The 8th Meeting of the Governing Body of APBFC Society was held on 14th October, 2016 at 11.00 am in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, Dispur. Shri V. K. Pipersenia, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam and Chairman of the APFBC Society presided over the meeting. A list of members/Invitees present in this meeting is at **Annexure-1**.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed everyone present in the meeting and there after requested the Project Director to take up the Agenda Items. The Agenda wise discussions were initiated and following observations made/decisions taken:

Agenda-1: The Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GB were confirmed.

Agenda-2: Component-wise progress in the project works since last Meeting of the GB was taken note of with following suggestions:

- a. A detailed presentation to be made separately on the Blue Print for IT enabling in the Forest Department.
- b. A presentation to be prepared by the Department on the Nursery aspects, such as, present capacity, plan for expansion, quality planting material etc.
- c. Care to be taken while selecting the beneficiaries in the skill. upgradation/livelihood improvement program for the JFMC/EDC members, so as to wean away the people from forest dependency. The impact of the program may be assessed.
- d. Regarding the financial progress the department of forest and Department of finance to expedite sanction and release of funds to the society so as to accelerate the progress.



- e. To improve rate of reimbursement against the expenditure incurred.

Agenda-3: The GB ratified following works:

a. Ongoing consultancies:

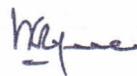
- i. Microplan/Livelihood- COMPELO ( Rs. 1240.00 lakhs)
- ii. Working Plans (Rs. 125.90 lakh)
- iii. REDD+ ( Rs. 125.46 lakh)
- iv. Architect(Rs. 38.68 lakh)
- v. CA Audit (Rs. 9.17 lakhs)

b. New works:

- i. Forest Department HQ building through Competitive bidding process with the suggestion that a civil engineer in the rank of Chief Engineer (serving or retired) may be engaged to oversee the works
- ii. Installation of waste Paper Re-cycling Machine with the suggestion that if this works out well such machines may be installed in the Secretariat also .
- iii. High-tech Nursery at Silviculture Range, Rani
- iv. Small Nurseries for local species at FIUs
- v. Annex Building
- vi. Preparation of 5 documentary films through Green Hub

Agenda-4: The GB approved the following proposals:

- I. Strategy for the remaining project period /funds
  - a. Extension up to May, 2017
  - b. One year upfront payment by the AfD
  - c. Phase-II of the Project



It was suggested that the response of the State Government on the above proposals of the French Development Agency may be expedited.

- II. Proposals approved by the Executive Body and referred to GB
- a. Consolidated Work-Plan up to May, 2017 to the tune of Rs. 220/- cr.
  - b. Support to Protected Areas- Rs. 88.98 cr.
  - c. Biodiversity Portal - Rs. 1.99 cr.
  - d. Support to Biodiversity Board - Rs. 90 lakhs.
  - e. Engagement of consultants for evaluation and developing Phase-2 of the Project.
  - f. Collaboration with Karnataka Forest department and Karnataka Electronics Development Corporation for IT enabling in the Department.
  - g. Exposure visits for members of JFMCs and EDCs both inside and outside the State.
  - h. Logo for Brand-marking of products of JFMCs/EDCs.
  - i. Development of Eco-tourism sites including at Majuli.
- III. Other Proposals:
- a. Proposed collaboration with ONF International on REDD+
  - b. Expenditure from interest accrued on Society account
  - c. Support to Plan Scheme deficit in Forest Department

Agenda-5: The Governing Body made following suggestions:

- a. A program may be developed for Rehabilitation of surrendered Poachers.
- b. A scheme may be developed for mainstreaming Forest Villages.



- c. A program from plantation of Chapories around Protected Areas, <sup>over as</sup> eg. Kaziranga NP, Orang NP.
- d. The existing facility at Jalukbari Forest School may be updated as Assam Institute for Forestry Management.
- e. Similarly, an Assam Institute for Wildlife Management may be developed near Kaziranga National Park.
- f. A detailed protocol may be developed for involving NGOs in the programs of department related to environment protection, Forest Conservation and Climate Change mitigation.
- g. A Comprehensive Human Resource Training Strategy for Frontline staff to be developed for implementing during Phase-II

The meeting ended with thanks from the Chair to every one present.

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Chief Secretary & Chairman  
Governing Body, APFBC Society

**ANNEXURE 1**

List of Officers present during the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body  
of APFBC Society held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

<b>Sl No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	Shri V.K. Pipersenia	Chief Secretary, Government of Assam and Chairperson, Governing Body. APFBC Society
2	Shri K.K. Mittal	Addl. Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department, Government of Assam
3	Shri K.V. Eppan	Addl. Chief Secretary, P&D Department, Government of Assam
4	Shri V.B. Pyarelal	Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance and P & RD Department, Government of Assam
5	Shri B. Brahma	P.C.C.F. (WL)
6	Shri D. Hara Prasad	P.C.C.F., Lower Assam Zone
7	Shri S.K. Srivastava	Addl. PCCF (T), Upper Assam Zone
8	Shri. A.K. Johari	Addl. P.C.C.F. (B &CC) and Project Director, APFBC Society
9	Smti Ranjana Gupta	Addl. P.C.C.F. (Wetland), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Assam
10	Shri Amit Sahai	Addl. P.C.C.F. (Admin. & Vig.), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Assam
11	Smti Alka Bhargava	Addl. P.C.C.F. (RE&WP), Guwahati
12	Shri M.K. Yadava	Addl. P.C.C.F. (P&D), O/o PCCF & HoFF, Assam
13	Shri C. Doley	Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Government of Assam
14	Shri B. Pegu	Addl. Secretary, WPT & BC Department, Government of Assam
15	Shri Dipul Barman	Assistant Conservator of Forests