

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Executive Body of the Tripura JICA Project held under the chairmanship of the PCCF, Tripura on the 2nd November, 2009 at 5.00 p.m.

The 8th meeting of the Executive Body of the Tripura JICA Project under the chairmanship of the PCCF, Tripura was held in the conference hall of *Aranya Bhavan* at Agartala on the 2nd November, 2009 at 5.00 p.m. The list showing the names of the Members and participants present in the meeting is appended at Appendix-I.

There were six agenda issues flagged for discussion and finalization which were circulated vide memorandum no. F. 22-2(6)/For-JICA/EB/07/5334-41 dt. 26/10/09. Following decisions emerged in the meeting after discussion,

- The Executive Body examined the progress made in the execution of the project components. The Chairman however specifically asked the officers of the Project Management Unit to redesign the project components especially the project component no. V on JFM community development, VI on Forest rehabilitation through JFM and VII on Farm Forestry with a view to include the land of the people who have been conferred entitlement on usage of forest land under RoFR Act, 2006 by way of forming new JFM committees of the people. The LCs and COs of the Project shall be assigned with the responsibility of assessing the choice of the people in regard to the species of the plants to be planted in such areas. A format shall be suitably devised for the purpose. The Chairman also pointed out that he has noticed certain JFMCs already formed under earlier occasion are being included under the Tripura JICA Project which is an undesirable trend and will not serve the objectives of the project since new JFMCs are to be formed so as to cover every *gram panchayet* having some forest area.
- The Project Management Unit has received only a sum of Rs. 1600 lakhs so far including the third installment of Rs. 600 lakhs. The Finance Department shall be requested to release the balance amount of fund as per the approved APO for FY 2009-10 expeditiously.

- The Rural Development Department shall be requested to submit estimates in regard to provision for water supply, sanitation and electrification component of the building construction works assigned to them so that the Project Management Unit may know the actual amount required for these works. The lump sump amount kept in the estimate on adhoc basis without having information in detail shall not serve the purpose. The pace of construction work was however found to be satisfactory. The construction agencies viz. NPCC Ltd. and the Rural Development Department shall be required to confirm the dates by which time the buildings shall be ready for handing over to the Department. The Organizations shall be informed accordingly.
- The office of the AG Tripura shall be requested to complete the auditing process of the accounts of the Society for the FY 2007-08 at the earliest.
- The Member Secretary of the Biodiversity Board shall be requested to provide details of the breakup of the administrative expenses for Rs. 15 lakhs which has been arrived at for completing the assessment exercise as it is noticed that no change in the monitoring mechanism of the Core Committee has however been proposed by the Board.
- The Training Officer appointed by the Project shall finalize the training programme of all categories of forest personnel, JFMC members including members of the PRI bodies after examining the TNA report submitted by the Training Resource Agency.
- The meeting was concluded thanking everybody present.

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(R. P. Tangwan)
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Chairman, Executive Body
TFIPA Society

Appendix - I

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| Date & Time of meeting | 2 nd November, 2009 at 1700 hrs. |
| Venue | Conference Hall of "Aranya Bhawan", Agartala |
| Members of the Executive Body & other participants | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura2. Chief Executive Officer & Project Director, Tripura JICA Project3. Director (Planning & Implementation), Tripura JICA Project4. Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, Udaipur5. Director (Adm. & Fin.), Tripura JICA Project & Member-Secretary of the Executive Body6. Director (Industries & Commerce Department)7. Dy. Director of Fisheries, Representing Secretary, Fisheries Department8. Joint Secretary of RD Department9. Addl. Director (E, A & M), Tripura JICA Project |
| Project Management Consultant | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sh. Shinichro Tsuji, Team Leader, GC to TFIPAP2. Dr. Manoj Pattanaik, GC to TFIPAP |