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To

1	Shri C. Sinha Principal Secretary Forest Dept. and Chairperson	9	Sri M.R. Baloch Additional PCCF, North Bengal
2	Shri N.K. Pandey Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF West Bengal – Member	10	Shri R. Das Managing Director, West Bengal Wasteland Dev. Copn. – Member
3	Shri S.Barari Principal Chief Conservator of Forests General – Member	11	Smt. Mita Banerjee, Secretary Govt. of West Bengal, Forest Dept. – Member
4	Shri S. Dhaundyal, Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Copn. – Member	12	Special Secretary Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Dept. – Member
5	Shri R.K.Sinha Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CWLW – Member	13	Dr. K.L. Ghosh Project Director (Finance), WBFBCP – Spl. Invitee
6	Shri J.T. Mathew Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Research, Monitoring & Dev. - Member	14	Smt. S.Bhattacharyya, Addl. Project Director (Impl), WBFBCP – Spl. Invitee
7	Shri T.V.N Rao, APCCF, Finance - Member	15	Shri V.Salimath APD (P & R), WBFBCP – Spl. Invitee
8.	Shri N.V Rajasekhar APCCF, Human Resources Dev. - Member		


Sub.: Minutes of the **13th** Meeting of the Governing Body of the West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Society held on 26th March, 2018

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject kindly find enclosed herein the Minutes of the 13th Governing Body meeting of the West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society, held on 26th March, 2018 at Aranya Bhawan.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: Minutes of the 13th GB Meeting


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**Chief Project Director &
Member Secretary
WBFBC Society**

**WEST BENGAL FOREST
AND
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

**MINUTES OF 13th MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**held on 26th MARCH, 2018
at Aranya Bhawan, Salt Lake
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**MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
WEST BENGAL FOREST & BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

The 13th Meeting of the Governing Body of the West Bengal Forest and Biodiversity Conservation Society was held on 26th March, 2018. The meeting was chaired by Shri C. Sinha, Chairperson of the Society. The following members / Special Invitees were present.

1	Shri C. Sinha Principal Secretary Forest Dept. and Chairperson	6	Shri J.T. Mathew Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Research, Monitoring & Dev. - Member
2	Shri N.K. Pandey Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF West Bengal - Member	7	Shri N.V. Rajasekhar APCCF, Human Resources Dev. - Member
3	Shri S. Barari Principal Chief Conservator of Forests General - Member	8	Shri R. Das Managing Director, West Bengal Wasteland Dev. Copn. - Member
4	Shri S. Dhaundyal Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Copn. - Member	9	Dr. K.L. Ghosh Project Director (Finance), Spl. Invitee
5	Shri R.K. Sinha Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CWLW - Member	10	Smt. S. Bhattacharyya Addl. Project Director (Impl), WBFBCP - Spl. Invitee

The Chief Project Director, WBFBCP Project & Member Secretary of the WBFBC Society presented each agenda following which discussions took place to resolve the issues. The agenda-wise presentation and decisions are given below:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 12th meeting held on 28th December, 2017

Governing Body was informed, that no communication in respect of minutes of 12th meeting of Governing Body has been received so far.

Decision:

- i) Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Governing Body stand confirmed.

2. Discussion on the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the minutes of the 12th meeting held on 28th December, 2017

The Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the minutes of 12th meeting was presented before the Governing Body. No comments were made on issue listed in Sl.No. 1 and 2. On the subject of Wildlife Research the Chairman of the Society commented that the research objectives should be open-ended and object oriented. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife commented that the next review of Biodiversity Research Projects will be made sometime in May, 2018 in presence of DFOs. The progress on engagement of new Authorised Range Officer was also discussed.

Decision:

- i) The date of presentation on lessons from overseas study tour to South Africa was fixed on 16th April at 11 AM. The seven topics on which the presentation will be made are:

1. Anti-poaching strategy and activities.
2. Herbivore management with focus on Elephant management.
3. Wildlife damage and Conflict management.
4. Veterinary research and trans-boundary disease management.
5. Fire management.
6. Conservation approaches in Game Census / management of SA national Parks.
7. Conservation of Endangered Species.

The PCCF & HoFF, WB decided that Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General will take initiative in getting the program organised and will make necessary correspondence on this matter.

Action:- *PCCF, General will issue letter to all officers who attended training at Southern African Wildlife College to make presentation on one of the 7 (seven) identified themes either individually or in groups.*

- ii) The report on Overseas Training at Southern African Wildlife College, Hoedspruit, South Africa was accepted.

3. Presentation of the Status Report of the WBFBC Project

Member Secretary made a PowerPoint presentation depicting the progress on various components of the project. The Governing Body welcomed the initiation of research project. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Monitoring and Development was requested to take up more projects on standardization of species-specific nursery protocol. The Governing Body appreciated the progress made in the fields of Micro financing and Bio Resource Survey.

Decision:

- i) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Monitoring and Development will submit more research project along the line mention in MOD.

Action:-*PCCF, RMD, W.B. will submit research projects on the following subjects:*

- (a) *Forest tree breeding research including expansion of seed certification programme, establishment of candidate plus tree, seed stand, seed orchards and clonal trials.*
- (b) *Field trial leading to development of nursery protocol of 10 (ten) species.*

4. Approval of ANNUAL PLAN OPERATION (APO) For the Year 2018-19

The Annual Plan Operation (APO) for the Financial year 2018-19 has been prepared by PMU to implement the project activities in consideration of the Mid-term Review (MTR) Report, as outlined below :-

1. Proposed APO for 2018-19 of Reimbursable Cost.....Rs.79.71 Crores
2. Proposed APO for 2018-19 of Non-Reimbursable Cost.....Rs. 7.50 Crores

Total Cost Proposed in APO.....Rs.87.21 Crores

Decision:

- i) The members accorded their approval on Annual Plan Operation (APO) of WBFBC Project for the year 2018-19.

5. Proposal of Ramakrishna Ashram Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nimpith received through Wildlife Wing on use of Quad-copter for effective plantation-monitoring in forests.

A proposal of pilot project has been received from Ramakrishna Ashram Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nimpith, 24 Parganas (S), through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & CWLW, W.B. for use of Quad-copter for effective plantation-monitoring in forest system. The work is proposed to be conducted in collaboration with Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Mogra, Hooghly. The target areas of the project are Coastal belt of West Bengal and Social Forestry areas decided by Forest Department. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.15,62,000/- (Rupees Fifteen lakh Sixty-two thousand) only.

This subject matter was debated and discussed at length. The following points emerged.

Decision:

- i) The project proposal submitted by Ramakrishna Ashram Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nimpith, is to be circulated to all Governing Body members for examination.
- ii) The PMU will seek clarification from the project proponent through Wildlife Wing whether the drones will be property of Forest Department after completion of the project.
- iii) The matter will be discussed subsequent Governing Body meeting after all the detailed information received on this project.

Action: - (a) CPD, WBFBC Project will circulate copy of project proposal to all Governing Body members.

(b) CPD, WBFBC Project will request PCCF, WL & CWLW, W.B. to seek clarification from project proponent whether the drones will be property of Forest Department after completion of project.

6. Ratification of Circular Resolution No. 3 dated 16.02.2018 for construction of Administrative Building at Siliguri.

An Administrative Building is proposed to be constructed at Siliguri as per provision of MOD at an estimated cost of Rs.6,25,000,00/- (Rupees Six crore Twenty-Five lakh) only including price escalation. An estimate of Rs.6,20,16,737/- (Rupees Six crore Twenty lakh Sixteen thousand Seven hundred Thirty-Seven) only was prepared by Dynamic Projects Pvt. Ltd, architect for the above projects which was duly vetted by the Chief Engineer, PWD, North Zone, Jalpaiguri. Accordingly the Head, Baikunthapur DMU invited e-tender vide no. WBFBCP/JICA/BKP/02 (e) of 2017-18. In response, three bids were received which were technically evaluated by a committee constituted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), W.B. for the purpose. All the bidders were technically qualified and their financial bids were opened and evaluated as detailed below:-

Sl.No.	Name of Bidder	Quoted percentage above or below estimate	Amount of Bid	Remarks
1	M/S DDS Construction Co.	(-) 3.57 %	Rs.5,98,02,739/-	L3
2	Gouri Construction	(-) 9.60%	Rs.5,60,63,130.39	L1
3	M.P. Sitani & sons	(-) 5.11%	Rs.5,88,47,681.89	L2

The Member Secretary moved following circular resolution (vide no. 3 dated 16.02.2018) for adoption by Governing Body Members-

- Accorded financial approval for the vetted estimate of Rs.6,20,16,737/- (Rupees Six crore Twenty lakh Sixteen thousand Seven hundred Thirty-Seven) only for construction of administrative building in Siliguri.
- Approved the issuance of e-tender for the project *post facto*.
- Approved and accepted the lowest quoted rate by Gouri Construction @ 9.6% below the estimated rate, amounting Rs.5,60,63,130/- (Rupees Five crore Sixty lakh, Sixty-Three thousand One hundred Thirty) only for the work.
- Authorised the Chief project Director to accord approval for signing the contract with successful bidder and to issue work order through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General.

Majority of the members supported the circular resolution.

Decision:

- The Governing Body ratified the decision taken through circular resolution dated 16.02.2018.

7. Development in Establishment matter in PMU

In consonance of the resolution adopted in the 4th Governing Body meeting dated 10th April, 2014 (copy enclosed in Annexure-VI) and Additional Project Coordinator (Coordination) was engaged in PMU Office. It is intimated that he has tendered his resignation during 2nd week of February, 2018 which has been accepted by Chief Project Director, WBFBCP. The PMU suggested that no further engagement of the post is required at present.

Decision:

The members of the Governing Body ratified the decisions taken at PMU.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair



**(Chandan Sinha)
Chairperson
WBFBC Society**