

**MINUTES OF 34<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF CENTRAL  
WOOL DEVELOPMENT BOARD HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2015  
AT JODHPUR**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting of Central Wool Development Board held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 at Jodhpur was presided over by Shri Jaswant Singh Bishnoi, Chairman, CWDB along with Ms Geeta Narayan, Vice-Chairperson and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles. A list of the participants is enclosed as Annexure- I.

The Chairman, welcomed the participants and shared his experience specially with sheep breeders community. He then asked the ED to commence the proceedings. The Executive Director, CWDB introduced the agenda items in seriatim and gave a presentation as well. The discussions and decisions on the agenda items are elaborated as under:

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (33<sup>RD</sup>) OF GOVERNING BODY OF THE CWDB HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2014 AT NEW DELHI.**

Since no comments were received from any of the member, minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Governing Body were confirmed unopposed.

**2. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 33<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD.**

Follow up actions on the decisions of last meeting were heard and noted by the Board.

**3. CONSTITUTION OF FRESH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CWDB.**

I. As per Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the CWDB, the EC is to be reconstituted after any new Board comes into being on expiry of tenure of the previous Board. Since the current Board was constituted in November 2014 (25.11.2014) and this was the first General Board meeting after that, it was decided to reconstitute the Executive Committee by retaining the same composition as the previous Committee except for the representative from the Planning Commission who would now be replaced by a representative from NITI Aayog in view of the changes in that Govt. authority. The composition was therefore decided to be as:-

- i) The Joint Secretary (Wool), MOT, New Delhi as Chairperson.
- ii) Textile Commissioner, Mumbai.
- iii) Director/ Dy. Secretary (Finance), MOT, New Delhi.
- iv) Director, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI), (NITI AAYOG) Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- v) Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Raj., Jaipur.
- vi) Director, Wool Research Association, THANE. (Mumbai)
- vii) Director, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute (CSWRI), Raj.
- viii) Secretary General, Indian Woollen Mills Fed., Mumbai.
- ix) Executive Director, CWDB, Jodhpur as Member Secretary

II. Modification proposed under Composition of members of Governing Body of CWDB :

With the permission of the Chair, Mrs. Geeta Narayan, Vice-Chairperson, CWDB and Jt. Secretary, MOT discussed the issues relating to modification of the existing composition of Governing Body of CWDB as per the suggestions of members during the meeting.

As per the MOA and rules and regulations of CWDB, there shall be following members in the board:-

- Five representatives from the Ministries/ Offices of the Central Government, which are related to development of wool & wool industry.
- Four representatives from the State Government of wool producing states, not below the rank of Director.

- Four representatives from the Federations/Boards/Corporation of the wool producing states, involved in development of sheep and wool.
- Two representatives from research institutions involved in the research work of wool and woollen development.
- Three representatives from the various Organizations of wool sector
- Eight representatives from progressive sheep breeders and Non Governmental Organisations engaged in woollen sector in various wool producing states.

III. In the above context, the following transpired :-

- It was observed that Wool production in Tamilnadu is minimal where as it has picked up significantly in Karnataka. Therefore the Board decided to recommend to the Ministry of Textiles to include a representative from Karnataka in place of Tamilnadu after following the relevant procedure in the matter.
- Some corporations/federations pointed out that the nomenclature of their bodies had undergone change which should be suitably reflected in the governing body composition. These changes were taken note of and agreed to subject to the due confirmations.
- As regards the nomination of 8 Non-official-members representing progressive sheep breeders/NGOs engaged in wool sector in various wool producing States, the Vice-Chairperson, CWDB requested the members to give suggestions about appropriate organizations with justifications so that the wool sector is well represented in the Governing Body of CWDB. In response, the representative from office of the Textile Commissioner informed that representation of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development

Council, Leh may also be included as a member of the Governing Body.

- All other proposed amendments were also discussed by the Governing Body and it was decided that the amendments that were agreed unanimously by its members, would be sent for approval by the Ministry of Textiles. The proposed amendments are as given below :

SN	Composition/ Representation	Existing composition	Proposed amendments to Composition of Governing Body to be sent to MOT for approval
A	Chairman to be nominated by the MOT, Govt. of India.	Shri Jaswant Singh Bishnoi, Chairman, CWDB	Shri Jaswant Singh Bishnoi, Chairman, CWDB
B	Joint Secretary (Wool), MOT, Government of India. (as Vice Chairman of Board)	Joint Secretary (Wool), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India	Joint Secretary (Wool), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India
C	Five representatives from the Ministries/ Offices of the Central Government, which are related to development of wool & wool industry.	1. Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Ministry of Agriculture (2) Textile Commissioner, Office of the Textile Commissioner (3) Director (Finance), Ministry of Textiles, (4) Director, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, BHADOHI, (5) <b>Director (Industry &amp; VSE), Planning Commission</b>	1. Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Ministry of Agriculture (2) Textile Commissioner, Office of the Textile Commissioner (3) Director (Finance), Ministry of Textiles, (4) Director, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, BHADOHI, (5) <b>National Institution for Transforming India (NITI), Govt. of India</b>
D	Four representatives from the State Government of wool producing states, <b>not below the rank of Director.</b>	(1) Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan (2) <b>Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Tamilnadu,</b> (3) <b>Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of A.P.,</b> (4) <b>Additional Secretary, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Uttarakhand.</b>	(1) Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan (2) <b>Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,</b> (3) <b>Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Telangana</b> (4) Additional Secretary, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Uttarakhand
E	Four representatives from the Federations/ Boards/Corporations of the wool producing states, involved in development of sheep and wool.	(1) Gujarat Sheep & Wool Development Corp. Ltd., (2) J. & K. State Sheep & Sheep Product Development Board, (3) <b>U.P. Livestock Development Board, Lucknow.</b> (4) H.P. State Wool	(1) Gujarat Sheep & Wool Development Corp. Ltd., (2) J. & K. State Sheep & Sheep Product Development Board, (3) <b>MD, Karnataka Sheep &amp; Wool Deve. Corp., Bangalore.</b> (4) H.P. State Wool Procurement &

		Procurement & Marketing Federation Ltd., Shimla	Marketing Federation Ltd., Shimla
F	Two representatives from research institutions involved in the research work of wool and woollen development.	(1) Wool Research Association, MOT & (2) Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute (ICAR), Jaipur	(1) Wool Research Association, MOT & (2) Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute (ICAR), Jaipur
G	Three representatives from the various Organizations of wool sector	(1) Executive Director, Wool & Woollen Export Promotion Council, (2) <b>Carpet Export Promotion Council</b> , (3) Indian Woollen Mills Federation,	(1) Executive Director, Wool & Woollen Export Promotion Council, (2) <b>CEO, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Deve. Council, Leh</b> (3) Indian Woollen Mills Federation,
H	Eight representatives from progressive sheep breeders and NGOs engaged in woollen sector in various wool producing States. (as Non-official members)	Vacant	To be nominated as per recommendation of State Govt. Animal Husbandry Deptt and Woollen Industrial Associations/ appropriate body engaged under Wool Sector from major wool potential areas like Ludhiana, Panipat/Bhadohi, Amritsar & Bikaner etc.
I	Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur (as Member Secretary of Board).	Vacant	To be filled up by the MOT on deputation basis.

**4. TO NOTE DECISIONS OF THE 44<sup>TH</sup> AND 45<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CWDB HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2014 AND 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV., 2014, RESPECTIVELY.**

The Governing Body noted the decisions of the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> meetings of Executive Committee of CWDB that were held at New Delhi on 23-05-2014 and 25-11-2014 respectively.

**5. TO APPRISE PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2014-15 AND TO APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2014-15.**

ED, CWDB informed that the MOT had released Rs. 20 Crore under Plan Fund for implementation of different schemes of Wool Sector during Annual Plan 2014-15 and against this target the Board has utilized Rs. 18.98 crore. On the Non-Plan side, the Board has fully utilized Rs. 2.00 Crore to meet establishment and other administrative expenditure during Financial Year 2014-15.

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body approved the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the CWDB for the year 2014-15 alongwith detailed physical and financial targets.

## **6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF B.E. OF CWDB FOR 2015-16 AND PROGRESS MADE SO FAR.**

The Board members were appraised about this year budget allocation. The members were also informed that additional budget would be sought at RE stage as per the requirement.

## **7. TO ENHANCE BUDGET PROVISION UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME(SSS)- SHEEP BREEDERS INSURANCE SCHEME OF CWDB IMPLEMENTING BY VARIOUS STATE GOVT ORGANIZATION AS OPEN SCHEME FOR ANNUAL PLAN 2015-16.**

Proposal to enhance budget under Social Security Scheme for implementation of Sheep Breeders Insurance Scheme with the help of LIC along with Sheep Insurance Scheme was discussed. As per approved scheme, the MOT has already released entire grant of Rs. 2 crore to the CWDB under the scheme and Rs. 1.75 crores has already been utilized by Board upto 2014-15. During FY 2014-15, the LIC has covered more sheep breeders and demanded additional grant of Rs. 46.52 lakhs and further during current financial year 3,898 sheep breeders have been covered upto June, 2015 with more premium amount of Rs. 9.75 lakhs. Under B.E. of CWDB for 2015-16, the

MOT has sanctioned only Rs. 25 lakhs lying with the CWDB as unutilized fund of 2014-15. However, additional funds are required under this scheme to meet committed liability of previous year as well as current financial year.

The ED read out for the benefit of the members, the recent Committee of Secretaries' (COS) decision, stating :-

1. Sheep breeders insurance schemes is to be subsumed with the life insurance schemes being provided to artisans, handloom weavers etc. under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) platform. The administrative Departments/Ministries concerned could facilitate enrolment of their targeted beneficiaries under these schemes and the existing schemes for different occupational groups such as powerloom workers, sheep breeders, weavers, handicrafts artisans, fishermen, aaganwadi workers, khadi workers, coir workers etc would get subsumed within PMJJBY and PMSBY. It was agreed that unrelated benefits such as scholarships etc. bundled with core benefits like life and accident insurance in some of the schemes, could be covered separately under relevant initiatives of the departments concerned like Education etc. It was mentioned that the Core Schemes would need to offer superior/equivalent features as compared to the existing schemes proposed to be converged.

2. Sheep Insurance Scheme being implemented by Ministry of Textiles will be subsumed with the core scheme of Livestock Insurance scheme being implemented by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DAHDF) and a roadmap for convergence of the scheme has to be prepared.

Accordingly it was decided that CWDB would workout the modalities for collecting the data for such merger in accordance with the Committee of Secretaries (COS) decision. It was further decided that coverage of sheep breeders and sheep for insurance would be put on hold till such merger.

The Jt. Secretary and VC, CWDB stated that committed liabilities towards these insurance schemes would be considered by Govt of India and that CWDB should send the proposal for MOTs approval.

#### **8. TO NOTE PROGRESS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF PASHMINA PROMOTION PROGRAMME (P-3) IN LEH AND KARGIL DISTRICTS OF J. & K. STATE.**

The ED, CWDB informed the members about the progress under Pashmina Promotion Programme (P-3) in Leh and Kargil districts of J&K State. The members took note of the status.

#### **Other points discussed during meeting:**

A) The issue of procurement of spare parts for the shearing machines funded by CWDB came up for discussion. The states of J&K and others pointed out that the spare parts being expensive; the shearing machines were lying idle due to lack of funds. Chairman, CWDB pointed out that state governments should contribute towards cost of procurement of spare parts. During discussion on projects approved by the Executive Committee, Dr. S. M. K. Naqvi, Director, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute (CSWRI) explained that shearing cost of sheep is about Rs. 15-25 per sheep per clip which is very high going by the earnings from wool per sheep. There is lack of sheep shearing machines in India and are mostly being imported. Since these are costly machines, there is need to manufacture them indigenously. He also observed that there was a need to restart the work for development of indigenous combs and cutters for sheep shearing machines, which could be done through IIT, Delhi as it had been involved with the task earlier on as well.

He also informed that there is also lack of trained manpower to shorn sheep with imported sheep shearing machines in most of the States and required



training under this activity and requested CWDB to provide opportunity to conduct training in machine shearing at CSWRI, Avikanagar on the newly procured sheep shearing machines.

The Chairman, CWDB suggested to call report from all State Govt. organizations who have received sheep shearing machines from CWDB in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plans regarding number of shearing machines which are in working condition, condemned, repairable and the requirement of spare parts and demand of financial assistance to re-use the machines to benefit shepherds.

B) The Director, CSWRI requested to sanction Rs. 4 lakh for organizing one Sheep Mela at their Avikanagar institute in Oct.-Nov., 2015 as it was organized in 2014-15 as well with the help of CWDB. The Chairman suggested to submit proper proposal justifying financial requirement and detailed programme with list of invitees etc. for consideration of Executive Committee of CWDB.

### **Other Agenda items:**

Following additional agenda items were also introduced by Chairman, CWDB :

#### **A. Secretarial Assistant to the Chairman, CWDB :**

The Chairman, CWDB stated that being the Chairman of CWDB, he has status equivalent to the Secretary to Govt. of India. He may, therefore, be provided secretarial assistance on contract/ co-terminal basis. The Board agreed to consider appointment of one Steno and one Driver on co-terminus contractual basis.

## **B. Transfer of Wool Marketing Deve. Officer from Bikaner to Jodhpur :**

The Chairman, CWDB was of the view that the services of Shri P. S. Champawat, Wool Marketing Development Officer, CWDB (Group 'A' officer) is not being fully utilized by the Board from April, 2011 due to his transfer from Jodhpur head office to Wool Testing Centre at Bikaner. There is no work for him at Lab office, Bikaner and no specific programme has been started by Board in 12<sup>th</sup> Plan for marketing of raw wool in Rajasthan State. Presently, services of Shri Champawat, WMDO is required at Jodhpur office, he being senior most officer of Board.

After detailed discussion, the Board agreed to transfer Shri P. S. Champawat, WMDO from Bikaner to Jodhpur.

## **C. Reimbursement of Medical claim bill of Shri Sumer Singh Champawat, DMM :**

Proposal regarding partial reimbursement of medical bills of Shri Sumer Singh Champawat, Dy. Manager Marketing, CWDB for emergency treatment of his wife for total claim amount of Rs. 4 lakh was also brought up by the Chairman & discussed by the Governing Body. Shri N. K. Mallick, Director, MOT & ED, CWDB explained that it is an administrative matter, Governing Body is not aware about facts and circumstances of case for taking any decision in this meeting. After detail discussion, it was decided to recommend the matter to the MOT to consider the case, sympathatically, as per admissible rules in CWDB/Govt. of India.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**List of participants for 34<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting of CWDB held on 21<sup>st</sup> August,2015 at Jodhpur**

1. Shri Jaswant Singh Bishnoi, Chairman, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur.
2. Mrs. Geeta Narayan, Vice-Chairperson, CWDB and Joint Secretary (Wool), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, Udyog Bhawan, NEW DELHI
3. Dr. S. M. K. Naqvi, Director, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Via: Jaipur, Distt. Tonk, Rajasthan. 304 501
4. Shri M. K. Bardhan, Director, Wool Research Association, Akbar Camp Road, Sandoz Baug, Kolshet Road, THANE (Mumbia)
5. Mr. A.P. Deshpande, Secretary General, Indian Woollen Mills Federation, (IWMF) Mumbai.
6. Dr. Avinash Anand, Chief Executive Officer, Uttarakhand Sheep & Wool Development Board, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
7. Shri M. Ramakrishnan, Under Secretary (IFW), Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Shri Rakesh Shangloo, Financial Advisor, J. & K. State Sheep & Sheep Product Development Board, Srinagar.
9. Shri V. K. Kohli, Director, Regional office of the Textile Commissioner, Noida, Delhi.
10. Dr. J. P. Nandwani, Sr. Vet. Officer, office of the Jt. Director, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jodhpur.
11. Dr. Pramod Kumar, Dy. Director (Small Animal), Deptt. Of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of U.P., Lucknow.
12. Shri Neerav Kumar Mallick, Director MOT, & Executive Director (CWDB) & Member Secretary (Governing Body)

\*\*\*\*\*