

**MINUTES OF THE 29th GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF
THE C.W.D.B. HELD ON 21st APRIL, 2011 AT UDYOG
BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

The 29th meeting of the Governing Body of the Central Wool Development Board held on 21st April, 2011 at Udyog Bhavan, Ministry of Textiles , New Delhi and was presided over by Shri V. Srinivas, Joint Secretary (Export)/ MOT & Chairman/ CWDB, Jodhpur.

A list of the participants is enclosed as Annexure- A.

Shri K.K. Goyal, Executive Director & Member Secretary , CWDB welcomed all the members, get introduced among the members & took up the agenda items and invited point-wise discussion, as under :

1. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 28TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CWDB HELD ON 30TH AUGUST, 2010 AT JODHPUR.**

Since no comments were received from any of the member present in the meeting, minutes of the 28th meeting of the Governing Body were confirmed.

ED, CWDB also informed that the Board displays agenda and minutes of all Governing Body and Executive Committee meetings on its website **woolboard.nic.in** promptly and members can download from it and send their comment if any.

2. **ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 28TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY.**

ED, CWDB placed a statement showing Action Taken Report on the decisions of last Governing Body meeting and following decisions were taken:

To explore possibility for marketing of raw wool in Rajasthan State with the help of any Govt. Corporation etc :

ED/ CWDB stated that though Rajasthan is one of the most wool producing state in India, there is no wool procurement agency in Rajasthan and GUSHEEL had shown interest in starting procurement of Raw Wool in Rajasthan and for which GUSHEEL has already started survey work and matter have been added as an additional agenda Item.

To ensure proper implementation of Grading & Marketing components under SWIS by all implementing agencies

ED/ CWDB stated that except Rajasthan, in all other wool producing states, revolving fund have been sanctioned to state Govt. Agencies so that wool growers can get remunerative returns. ED/ CWDB also stated that for all Agencies (NGOs) who are running the SWIS projects, guidelines have been issued for proper implementation of grading and marketing support component.

To give more emphasis on Angora Wool Development programme and to develop new and diversified products made from Angora wool to increase its demand and to stabilize Angora wool price.

ED/ CWDB stated that this is one of the very good scheme in which foundation Stock (8 females + 4 males), Training, Medical kit, Feed supplement along with loom and charkhs is being provided to selected beneficiaries and by this they can generate an income of approx. 3,000/- per months. Angora Wool price is fluctuating in the market very wildly and some time lead to losses to Angora rearing families. Director/ WRA Shri M.K. Bardhan stated that WRA is working on a R&D Project (Development of thermal responsive high altitude multilayer protective clothing made with Angora fibre') and if it is successful then demand for the Angora fibre will increase in the market and this may lead to stability in the Angora fibre rate.

To obtain necessary approval from Government to merge both pre-loom and post-loom processing activities under Quality Processing of Wool scheme.

ED/ CWDB stated that this issue have been discussed a number of times in previous meeting also as there is no project Proposal forthcoming in the

post loom processing scheme whereas there is demand under Pre-Loom processing category and main aim of the scheme is to increase wool processing facility in the country irrespective of pre & post loom so, both the scheme should be merged as per demand of the industry. ED/ CWDB also stated that this is the terminal year of this plan and if these schemes are not merged, then it may lead to substantial saving under the Post loom processing component of the scheme.

To hold a separate meeting of Sr. Officers of OIC, MOT & CWDB for quick settlement of pending death claims and effective implementation of Sheep Insurance Scheme in all States.

ED/CWDB stated that this issue (claim settlement under Sheep insurance scheme & timely submission of these data to CWDB) have been discussed with OIC/ Jodhpur region (a Nodal Agency for the scheme) a number of times. Actually procedure under the scheme involve a lot of paper formalities which are very difficult to be fulfilled by an ill-literate or semi-literate sheep Breeder who is on the migration along with his sheep most of the time and so, many death claims were rejected. As Sheep insurance work is now looked after by Regional offices of OIC, state (region) wise , OIC Jodhpur/ region is not getting sheep Insurance data from these regions timely and thus not able to submit the same to CWDB. Chairman/ CWDB directed ED/ CWDB that a status report on the scheme should be sent to him along with problems being faced during Implementation.

To verify that Good Quality Breedable ram are physically distributed to beneficiaries.

ED/ CWDB stated that letters have been received from almost all state Govt stating that they are not able to procure Ram within the financial limit of the scheme and there is another problem that these are not available in required numbers (of required breed) as proposed in the scheme. ED/ CWDB also stated that in other Schemes (like RKBY) cost of ram is Rs. 7500/- and a SFC note which proposed inter alia increase in cost of ram from Rs. 4000 to Rs. 7500 /- have been sent to MOT for approval . Dr. B.R.Accharya, Asst. Commissioner from Ministry of Agriculture stated that Ministry of Agriculture have a Central sheep Breeding Farm in Hisar (Haryana) and those agencies who require ram may contact its Director. Shri Vijay Thakur , CEO/ HP WOOLFED. Stated that he is in touch with Shri Rajpurohit / Director/ CSBF/ Hissar and till date received only 50 Rams. Some of other state Govt. representative stated that first the breed of ram (which will be made available) from CSBF/ Hissar is to be known before placing order.

ED/ CWDB also stated that this matter have been taken up by CWDB in a meeting with Director/ CSBF/ Hissar, who was of the opinion that if order are placed well in advance, their farm may made available up to 1000 Rams per year. Chairman/ CWDB stated that ED/ CWDB should hold a meeting with Director/ CSBF/ Hissar along with Shri Vijay Thakur so that maximum no. of rams may be made available to the state Agencies from the Farm.

3. CONSTITUTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CWDB.

ED/ CWDB stated that As per Rule IV of the “Rules and Regulations of the CWDB, there is a provision for constitution of an “Executive Committee” for the management and administration of the affairs of the Board. ED/ CWDB also stated that this is a sub-committee of the Governing Body and shall consist of following members.

- i) Vice-Chairman of the CWDB as Chairman of the Executive Committee;
- ii) Executive Director of the CWDB as Member Secretary.
- iii) Seven other members from the Governing Body.

Governing Body unanimously nominated following members to the Executive committee.

- i) The Textile Commissioner, MUMBAI.
- ii) The Dy. Secretary/ Director (Finance), MOT, New Delhi.
- iii) The Director (Industry & VSE), Planning Commission,
- iv) The Director, AHD, Govt. of Rajasthan, JAIPUR.
- v) The Director, CSWRI (ICAR), JAIPUR, Rajasthan.
- vi) The Director, Wool Research Association, THANE. (Mumbai)
- vii) Secretary General IWMF & Executive Director/ WOOLTEXPRO/
Mumbai

Director/ WRA Shri M.K. Bardhan and some other members were of the opinion that as required, subject experts (as per project proposals to be discussed in the meeting) should also be invited to the Executive committee meetings time to time for technical advice *with prior approval of Chairman* and Chairman approved the same.

4. TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE 35TH , 36TH & 37TH MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CWDB.

ED/ CWDB put up the list of all the projects sanctioned in 35th , 36th & 37th Executive Committee Meetings along with other decisions taken in these meetings. He also stated that -

- Under feed supplement scheme, feed will be procured From RCDF (Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation) in Rajasthan and in other cases it will be procured by concerned Govt. implementing Agency by open tendering.
- For two R&D Projects, ED/ CWDB placed the progress of these projects to the governing Board. Director, WRA Shri M.K. Bardhan also explain in detail the R&D projects to be undertaken by WRA.
- ED/ CWDB also explain the two workshops to be conducted in coming months. He also stated that a Workshop on CWDB Schemes and R&D projects by WRA have been planned for 28th May 2011 in Mumbai and requested all members to attend the same for which formal Invitation letter have been sent to them.
- ED/ CWDB also placed detail of the woollen Expos organised by CWDB in the past one year. He also *placed* the CFC sanctioned in last one year and progress made in this regards so far.

Dy. Secy. (Fin.)/ MOT enquired whether all the CWDB schemes have been evaluated by an independent agency and ED/ CWDB informed that all the schemes were initially sanctioned for 18 months and have been extended for rest of the 11th Plan. only after evaluation from an independent Evaluating agency and its positive recommendations,

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body approved the decisions of the 35th , 36th and 37th meetings of the Executive Committee of the CWDB.

5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF REVISED ESTIMATES AND ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2010-11 AND TO APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2010-11.

ED/ CWDB stated that Ministry of Textiles had approved total financial outlay of Rs. 15.00 Crore to the CWDB for FY 2010-11 to implement various Plan Schemes and has utilized Rs. 15.03 Crore under its different schemes/programmes in 2010-11. ED/ CWDB also stated that CWDB had utilized Rs. 1.73 Crore under Non-Plan head for establishment and other administrative expenditure of the Board against allotment of Rs. 1.5 Crs..

ED/ CWDB also placed the Details of **Annual Report** and Audited Accounts of the CWDB for 2010-11 before the Governing Body for discussion and approval.

ED/CWDB also placed the progress report of all state Govt. Agencies implementing the SWIS Project . He also stated that except HP WOOL FED. none of the Govt. Agency has utilized the first year Grant sanctioned and year 2011-12 being the terminal year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan, requested all state Govt. Agencies to expedite the progress.

Almost all state Implementing agencies were of the opinion that main problem area is the availability of required no. of Quality Ram within the financial limit provided . ED/ CWDB stated that state agencies have been *permitted* to procure Ram even at higher price within the overall financial *allocation* though this will reduce the total no. of Ram to be distributed.

Shri V. Srinivas, Jt. Secretary MOT and Chairman/ CWDB expressed his dis-pleasure over very slow progress as many state Govt. Agencies have not made any progress even after more than one year of sanctioning of the project and directed ED/ CWDB to closely monitor the progress and may write state agencies to close the project and refund the money where projects are not progressing even after repeated reminders.

After detail discussion, the Governing Body approved the achievements made by the Board during Annual Plan 2010-11 along with Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the CWDB for 2010-11.

6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PLAN 2011-12 OF THE BOARD.

ED/ CWDB stated that for year 2011-12, total Rs. 13.5 Crs have been sanctioned and this is mainly for committed liabilities of the ongoing projects but in some of the schemes like Angora Wool development scheme, Human resource Development & Promotional activities & Quality Processing of wool Scheme, new project proposals would be invited and sanctioned. ED/ CWDB also informed that in this year Rs. 1.0 Crs each have been sanctioned for Schedule castes, schedule tribes and for North Eastern Region. Shri V. Srinivas, Jt. Secretary MOT and Chairman/ CWDB stated that the matter will be examined in the Ministry in consultation with CCA.

The Governing Body discussed scheme-wise physical and financial targets and approved Plan fund of Rs. 13.50 Crore for FY 2011-12

7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PROCUREMENT OF RAW WOOL IN RAJASTHAN IN ASSOCIATION WITH GUSHEEL, AHMEDABAD.

ED/ CWDB stated that Rajasthan is biggest wool producing state in India but presently there is no agency engaged in wool procurement. Since long there was a demand for minimum support price for wool but as an alternative to it, Ministry approved the scheme of revolving Fund for Marketing of Raw Wool and funds were sanctioned and released to all state Govt. engaged in marketing of raw wool but this activity could not be started in Rajasthan .

ED/ CWDB also stated that Gujarat is adjoining state to Rajasthan and Gujarat Sheep Board (GUSHEEL) is procuring wool in their state and have best wool marketing network and have shown interest in wool Procurement in Rajasthan. On CWDB request GUSHEEL has started survey work also near Bikaner area to explore the possibility of wool marketing in Rajasthan though till date no formal proposal have been submitted by GUSHEEL.

Dy. Secy. (Finance) Smt. Thampi stated that the issue whether a state Govt. Agency can undertake a commercial activity in another state or not be looked into before any decision is being taken on the subject. Shri V. Srinivas, Jt. Secretary MOT and Chairman/ CWDB stated that issue should be put up in next Executive Committee meeting after a formal proposal is being submitted by GUSHEEL in this regards to CWDB.

8. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A CARPET WEAVING TRAINING CENTRE AT JAIPUR.

ED/ CWDB stated that Jaipur and its near by area is the biggest carpet manufacturing and exporting center of Rajasthan and has nearly 20% market share in total Indian carpet export. Jaipur carpet industry is providing employment to approx. 1.0 Lacs people especially belonging to economically weaker section of society. There is no carpet weaving Training Centre in Jaipur or nearby area and if CWDB start a training Centre for the same it will benefit the economically

weaker section of the society and at the same time would provide the skilled man power to the industry. The Chairman/ CWDB directed that a detailed project proposal in this regard should be sent to Ministry of Textiles under Integrated Skill Development scheme (ISDS) of MOT.

9. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR STRENGTHENING OF C.W.D.B. BY ENGAGING VETERINARY DOCTORS AND TEXTILE ENGINEERS ON CONTRACT BASIS UNDER DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES OF BOARD.

ED/ CWDB stated that a Proposal for creation of the post of two veterinary Doctors and two Textiles Engineers have been sent to MOT for approval and till these posts are created, these personnel's should be hired on Contract basis. The Board has made provision for such appointment under IWIDP scheme for better implementation and monitoring of different schemes of Board.

After detailed discussion, the Board granted the permission to appoint one Veterinary Doctor (by open advertisement by a committee of ED/CWDB, Dir/CSWRI and Dir. AHD/Jaipur) and one B. Tech. personnel from Passing out batch from IICT, Bhadohi (by a committee of ED/CWDB, Dir/WRA and Dir. IICT/Bhadohi by conducting Interview) on contract basis in Board on monthly remuneration of Rs. 18,000/- (fixed) per month till permanent posts are sanctioned by MOT and filled up in the CWDB.

10. TO NOTE SUMMARY OF SFC PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO MOT

ED/ CWDB stated that as per field experiences and demand from the implementing agencies a SFC (Standing Finance Committee) Note have been sent to MOT for approval. ED/ CWDB also placed a summary of the SFC note before the Governing Board and the Governing Body noted the progress made so far on this *issue*.

11. TO NOTE STATUS OF DIFFERENT LEGAL CASES PENDING AGAINST CWDB.

ED/ CWDB placed the Details of five legal cases pending against the Central Wool Development Board in different Courts and their latest position/ status. Governing Body noted the status and directed the ED/ CWDB to expedite these cases.

OTHER DECISIONS :

A) CEO, H.P. State Wool Fed., Shimla raised the point that if any resource person, experienced in Governing working, implementation and monitoring/evaluation of the projects, is/are available with CWDB , it would be beneficial to CWDB and all implementing agencies. it will help in impact assessment/ evaluation of Board's schemes sanctioned during last four years of 11th Plan and to suggest addition/modification under existing schemes for next Plan.

The Governing Body agreed with this view for evaluation of schemes by hiring different subject experts as consultant on contract basis .

B). Dr. M.V. Reddy, Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of A.P. pointed out that the wool fibers produced in Andhra Pradesh, being very coarse, did not ensure remunerative price for the growers. Besides this, there is limited use for such coarse wool to manufacture worthwhile woollen products. Many times such wool remained unsold. It is therefore necessary to initiate action to overcome the problem of the wool growers of coarse varieties and to sanction some State specific projects based on their local need and specific demands.

Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, WRA informed that R&D work is in progress at WRA to explore non-textile applications for such coarse and very coarse wool using as substrate for various composite products. Besides this efforts are being made for up gradation of Indian wool by mechanical process. Efforts are also being made to enhance spinnability of coarse wool by softening them. Shri K.K. Goyal, ED, CWDB informed that a R&D project has been sponsored to CSWRI for producing non-woven's and felts from Deccani coarse wool. It was decided that ED, CWDB and Director, WRA would visit Department of Animal Husbandry, Andhra Pradesh to examine and interact to overcome the problem of the wool growers of Deccani wool and formulate line of action.

C) The Governing Body also directed to collect need based State specific projects for drafting new schemes for next Plan period along with suggestion for modification under existing schemes from different implementing agencies.

D) Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, Wool Research Association invited all members of Governing Body in one day 'National Seminar-cum-Workshop on recent R&D initiatives and Developmental Schemes of Wool and Woollens' jointly organized by WRA & CWDB on 28th May,2011 at Mumbai.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure- A

List of the participants for 29th Governing Body meeting held on 21-04-2011

1. **Shri V. Srinivas, Chairman, CWDB and Joint Secretary (Wool) Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of Indai, Udyog Bhawan, NEW DELHI**
2. **Dr. B. R. Acharyya, Asstt. Commissioner, Deptt. of A.D.F., Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, NEW DELHI**
3. **Smt. Santha Thampi, Deputy Secretary (IFW), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, Udyog Bhawan, NEW DELHI**
4. **Shri K.K. Goswami, Director, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, BHADOHI, U.P. 221 401**
5. **Dr. Pradeep Saraswat, Jt. Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Gandhi Nagar, Tonk Road, JAIPUR (Rajasthan)**
6. **Dr. V.Thangaveln, Addl. Director (Farms), Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Tamilnadu, Chennai. Tamilnadu**
7. **Dr. M.V. Reddy, Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of A.P., HYDERABAD, Andhra Pradesh**
8. **Dr. A.K. Sachchar, Asstt. CEO, Uttarakhand Sheep & Wool Board, Govt. of Uttaranchal, DEHRADUN, Uttaranchal**
9. **Dr. Rudra Pratap, Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt. & CEO U.P. Livestock Development Board, Lucknow. (Uttar Pradesh)**
10. **Shri Vijay Thakur, Chief Executive Officer, H.P. State Cooperative Wool Procurement & Marketing Federation Ltd., Kasumpti, Shimla, (H.P.)**
11. **Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, Wool Research Association, Akbar Camp Road, Sandoz Baug, Kolshet Road, THANE (Mumbia)**
12. **Dr. D. B. Shakyawar, Principal Scientist, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Teh.Malpura, Via:JAIPUR 304 501 Raj.**
13. **Shri Shiv Kumar Gupta, Executive Director, Carpet Export Promotion Council, Opp. Army Hospital Research & Referral,NEW DELHI- 057**
14. **Shri Mahesh N.. Sanil, Secretary General, Indian Woollen Mills Federation & Executive Director, Wool & Woollen Export Promotion Council, Churchgate Chamber, 5th New Marine Lines, MUMBAI-20**
15. **Shri K.K. Goyal, Executive Director & Member Secretary, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur.**