

Minutes of the 37th Executive Committee Meeting held on 03/03/2011 at Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi

The 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the CWDB was held under the chairmanship of Shri V. Srinivas, Joint Secretary, MOT and Vice Chairman, CWDB at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi on 3rd March, 2011 at 4.00 PM.

Following members participated in the meeting:

1. Mrs. Santha Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT, New Delhi.
2. Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, Wool Research Association (WRA), Thane.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Scientist (SS)TMTTC Division – CSWRI, Avikanagar,
4. Dr.R.P.Nayak, Additional Director – representative of the Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
5. Shri K.K.Goyal Executive Director, CWDB, Jodhpur.

Members absent:

1. The Textile Commissioner, Mumbai
2. Shri A.K. Khullar, Jt. Adviser (VSI), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.

In Attendance:

1. Shri Anurag Purohit, Technical Officer /CWDB, Jodhpur.

Shri K.K.Goyal, Executive Director, CWDB, Jodhpur welcomed the members and gave brief introduction and invited point-wise discussion on the agenda.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of 36th meetings of the Executive Committee held on 01-12-2010 at New Delhi.

Since no comments were received, the minutes of 36th meetings of the Executive Committee of the CWDB were confirmed.

2. Action taken report on the decisions of the 36th meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Executive Director, CWDB placed statements showing Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of last Executive Committee meetings and after detailed discussion Executive Committee approved it.

ED/ CWDB stated that there are three Agencies (as under) for whom CFC have been sanctioned in the past also and they have applied again for CFC for different activities and machineries. Though these Projects have already been sanctioned by Executive Committee in the past and sanction order have also been issued but fund have not been released and issue may be re-considered by Executive Committee.

1. Shikher H & H Weavers Coop.Society, Kullu.
2. Mahadev Woollen Mills, Mandi (H.P.)
3. Shri Oon Vikash Sahakari Udyog Ltd. Beawar.

ED/ CWDB also stated that in these cases, projects activity and machinery to be installed is different (from what had already been installed in the past) and facilities to be created will help wool growers & breeders for providing all type of processing facilities under one roof.

Mrs. Santha Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT asked for the details of these projects reasons for holding back the sanctions, if the projects were approved earlier, performance of the agencies in respect of the projects, if any sanctioned to them earlier. Chairman / CWDB decided that these projects be placed in the next Executive Committee Meeting for consideration with the full information of the projects, including procedure for selection of the agencies, along with the justification for the decision of the Executive Committee. The proposals shall also be accompanied by the physical and financial targets approved by the competent authority for the relevant Scheme along with achievements against the targets.

3. To apprise the progress made by the Board during current financial year 2010-11 up to 31st January,2011 under its various schemes.

ED/CWDB placed the financial progress of CWDB up to the end of January 2011. He also stated that there are saving mainly in the Quality Processing of Wool Scheme (Post Loom) as in spite of repeated advertisement in newspaper there are no project proposal and under Social Security Scheme as selected Insurance Agencies (Oriental Insurance Co. and Life Insurance Corporation) have not utilized the already released grant to them and at the same time many project proposals have been received for consideration under other schemes and to utilize fund, fund should be re-appropriated to other head mainly SWIS and HRD and Promotional activities under IWIDP (Integrated wool Improvement and Development Programme) scheme.

Dy. Secy. (IFW) Smt. Shanta Thampi, stated that from the physical and financial progress shown in the agenda, it is very difficult to know the component wise progress and a consolidated physical and financial progress indicating over all progress along with the targets and achievements during this Plan should be placed before the Committee. ED/ CWDB stated that from now onwards these figures will be part of EC agenda and over all Physical and Financial Progress will be circulated to all members along with minutes of this meeting. (Attached as Annexure I & II)

Chairman/ CWDB and other members suggested that saving in one scheme should be utilized in other scheme where there are demand. **DS(IFW) opined that re-appropriation of funds from one component to another shall be as per the guidelines of the Scheme a decision on this issue shall be after looking at the overall picture of targets and achievements.**

4 Discussion and approval of Annual Plan 2011-12 of the CWDB.

Executive Director CWDB placed the Annual Plan for the year 2011-12 for kind perusal and approval of the Executive Committee and Executive Committee approved the next plan budget of 15.00 Crores. **On a query from DS(IFW) for the basis on which the Annual Plan has been drawn out ED, CWDB informed that the Annual Plan is as approved by the SFC, without any change and the Annual Plan and the 11th Plan Physical and Financial targets would be attached with the minutes. Accordingly EC approved the Annual Action Plan.**

5 Approval for release of grant of Rs. 1.00 Crore to LAHDC for Pashmina procurement under the scheme of 'Revolving Fund for Raw Wool Marketing.

ED/ CWDB stated that a LAHDC (Ladakh Autonomous Hill development Council) delegation met both Secretary (Textiles) and Joint secretary (Wool) and requested to sanction Rs. 1.50 Crs. for procurement of Pashmina wool. MOT decided that CWDB may sanction money to LAHDC from saving of previous years after making assessment and accordingly after making assessment of past procurement, it was decided that Rs. 1.00 Crs. may be sanctioned with release of Rs. 50 lakh as first installment in this FY 2010-11 as this is a approved scheme under IWIDP.

DS(IFW) stated that if the proposal has already been approved by Secretary, MOT, EC cannot deliberate on the agenda and the agenda item can only be noted for information.

6 Discussion and approval of pending project proposals as recommended by the 16th and 17th meeting of the Project Committee held on 17-01-2011 and 1-03-2011, respectively.

Mrs. Santha Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT stated that the details of all R&D projects sanctioned in the current plan and progress made so far should also be shown for better appreciation. ED/ CWDB stated that these details will be circulated to all members along with minutes of this meeting. (Attached as Annexure III)

Mrs. Santha Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT also stated that in future projects recommended by Project Committee and placed for the approval of EC should also state the selection criteria, name of the scheme and component under which it falls, number of installments in which funding is to be done, certification to follow GFR Rule etc. ED\CWDB stated that R&D projects are sanctioned to Govt. Agencies only and these agencies follow GFR procedure. He also stated that all these projects are under the scheme sanctioned by EFC/ SFC.

The Committee accordingly approved the R&D projects listed at S.No.1 and 2 and the proposal for organizing seminar by WRA at S.No.6. below. The Committee also observed that the dates of events listed at 5 A, B, C are already over. The projects listed at S.No.3 and 4 shall be placed with details as suggested above in the next meeting.

Scheme : HRD & Promotional activities.

S N	Implementing. Agency	Activity/proposal	GOI grant required (Rs. in lakh)	Total Project Cost	Project period
1	College of Veterinary & Animal Science, Bikaner.	R&D Project on "Conservation, propagation and dissemination of Bikaneri-Chokla Sheep for carpet wool production	Rs. 70 lakh	Rs. 94 lakh	2 years

2	Wool Research Association, Thane.	R&D Project proposal on 'Development of thermal responsive high altitude multilayer protective clothing made principally of angora fibre'.	Rs. 22.72 lakh (including cost of equipments of Rs. 11 lakh)	Rs. 34.45 lakh	2 years
3	Rajasthan Carpet & Woollen Products Development Society, Jaipur.	Training Programme for conducting carpet/Durry weaving programme under the scheme of CFC-cum-Training activity under Improve-ment of Wool Fibre to train 40 trainees. 10 trainees per batch. Total 4 batch each of 90 days.	Rs. 4.16 Lakh (Cost for stipend, honorarium and assistance for looms @ 25%)	Rs. 4.16 lakhs	1 year
4	Rajasthan Carpet & Woollen Products Deve. Society, Jaipur.	Training Programme for "CAD Programme" under the scheme of CFC-cum-Training activity under Improvement of Wool Fibre to develop skilled manpower for carpet industry.	Rs. 5.76 Lakh	Rs. 5.76 lakh (project cost Rs. 12.83 lakh)	1 year
5	WOOL TEXPRO A Mumbai	Tex-Trends-2011 (Woollen Expo) to be organized by. (AEPC)	Rs. 24.82 lakh @ about Rs. 50,000 per stall.	Rs. 24.82 lakh	2-4 Feb.,11.
	B DIC, Pali	Woollen Expo at Pali	Rs. 1.82 lakh	Rs. 1.82 lakh	Jan.,11
	C Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry,	Woollen Expo at Surat with International Exhibition & Convention Centre (SIECC)	Rs. 11.00 lakh	Rs. 11.00 lakh	24-28 Feb.
6	Wool Research Association, Thane	To Organize workshop on schemes o CWDB and R&D Projects by WRA/ Thane.	Rs. 5.0 Lakhs	Rs. 5.0 Lakhs	1-2 Day

The Executive Committee directed that Research & Development project must cut on unproductive expenditure hence a 10% reduction shall be implemented in case of R&D projects mentioned at sr. no. 1 & 2 above.

Scheme : Quality Processing of Wool

Director, WRA informed that the funds sought under the project is only for the machinery for the project and the WRA as Technical Evaluation authority has appraised and assessed the requirement of the machinery in these two projects and GOI grant sought is only for the machinery component, which will be procured through open tender. The Committee approved the proposals based on the above clarification subject to the condition that procurement of machinery will be strictly in adherence to the GFR procedure and the proposal is as per the Scheme guidelines. (CWDB would incorporate the fund release pattern and the monitoring mechanism of the projects in the minutes.

S N	Implementing. Agency	Activity/proposal	GOI grant (Rs. in lakh)	Total Project Cost
1	M/s. Laxmi Woollen Mills, Bikaner	CFC for Pre-loom processing activity under 'Technology Upgradation by installing blending line system to improve the quality of processed carpet yarn'.	Rs. 50 lakh	Rs. 110.60 lakh
2	Gujarat Sheep & Wool Development Corp. Ltd, Gandhinagar	CFC for Bale Pressing machines. (Two units)	Rs. 50 lakh for two units.	Rs. 50 lakhs

Scheme : Angora Wool Improvement Scheme

Consideration of the following projects was deferred.

S N	Implementing. Agency	Activity/proposal	GOI grant (Rs. in lakh)	Total Project Cost	Project period
5	HIFEED Dehradun	Angora Rabbit rearing project for Tehri Garhwal for 20 families.	Rs. 6.93 lakh	Rs. 10.40 lakh	2 years

B. Feed Supplement component of ‘Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme’

The feed supplement scheme was explained by ED/ CWDB and stated that under the scheme feed will be procured by Implementing agency and will be distributed to selected sheep breeders. ED/ CWDB also stated that in the case of Project listed at Sr. No. 3, 4 & 5 feed will be procured from Rajasthan Dairy Co-operative federation plant at Jodhpur and Implementing Agency will only distribute the feed and same procedure have been adopted in the past also. Dy. Secy. (IFW) Smt. Shanta Thampi stated that there is hardly any time left in this FY and so it should be covered in the next FY 2011-12. ED/ CWDB stated that this will be implemented in next FY only as feed is mainly required for April-May-June months but for procurement of feed advance order is to be placed to feed Supply agency and it will take minimum one months, therefore projects under feed supplement should be sanctioned in this FY and money will be released in next financial Year. Executive Committee approved following Project proposals for FY 2011-12 utilizing the saving of previous years.

S. N	Name of Agency submitted the project proposals	Funds required during 2011-12(Rs. in lakh)	Total Project Cost
1	Ladhak Autonomous Hills Development Council ,Leh (J&K)	Rs. 0.675Crore 0.25 lakh Sheep & Pashmina @ Rs 3/- sheep for 90 days	Rs. 0.675 Crore
2	Ladhak Autonomous Hills Development Council Kargil (J&K)	Rs. 0.675 Crs. foor 0.25 lakh Sheep & Pashmina @ Rs 3/- sheep for 90 days	Rs. 0.675 Crore
3	Sakshi Anusandhan Sansthan, Pholodi, Rajasthan. (NGO implementing Board’s SWIS project)	Rs. 0.54 Crore for 0.20 lakh Sheep @ Rs 3 per sheep for 90 days in a year	Rs. 0.54 Crore
4	Mahila Mandal, Barmer (Raj.) (NGO implementing SWIS project)	Rs. 1.215 Crore 0.45 lakh Sheep @ Rs 3 per sheep for 90 days in a year	Rs. 1.215 Crore
5	Sneh Samaj Sansthan, Bikaner (NGO implement-ting Board’s SWIS project)	Rs. 0.27 Crore 0.10 lakh Sheep @ Rs 3 per sheep for 90 days in a year	Rs. 0.27 Crore
	TOTAL	1.25 lakh sheep	Rs. 3.375 Cr

C. Sheep Pen component of 'Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme' (SWIS)

ED/ CWDB stated that this scheme was sanctioned in March 2010 through SFC note and a Planning Commission team also recommended the same during their visit to some of the Project area in Barmer/ Jaisalmer District. Under the scheme financial assistance would be provided to Selected sheep breeders for construction of sheep pen @ Rs. 10,000/- each. Rest of money for construction will be financed by sheep breeder himself. **Consideration of the proposals were deferred.**

S N	Name of Agency who submitted the project proposals	Funds required during 2010-11 (Rs. in lakh)	Total Project Cost	Project period
1	Ladhak Autonomous Hills Development Council ,Leh (J&K)	Rs. 0.20 Crore 200 Sheep Pen @ Rs 10,000/-	Rs. 0.20 Crore	2010-11
2	Ladhak Autonomous Hills Development Council, Kargil J&K	Rs. 0.27 Crore 270 Sheep Pen @ Rs 10,000/-	Rs. 0.27 Crore	2010-11
3	Uttarakhand Sheep & Wool Development Board, Dehradun	Rs. 0.01 Crore 10 Sheep Pen @ Rs 10,000/-	Rs. 0.01 Crore	2010-11
4	Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of A P, Hyderabad.	Rs. 0.06 Crore 60 Sheep Pen @ Rs 10,000/-	Rs. 0.06 Crore	2010-11
5	Mahila Mandal Barmer, Agor, Barmer (Rajasthan)	Rs. 0.20 Crore 200 Sheep Pen @ Rs 10,000	Rs. 0.20 Crore	2010-11
	TOTAL	740 units (Sheep Pen)	Rs. 0.74Crs	

D. Human Resource Development Programme- Participating in IWTO Conference at China and USA by WOOLTEXPRO.

ED explained that this proposal is to be funded from the International Co-operation component of the HRD Scheme. **Dy. Secy. (IFW) Smt. Shanta Thampi stated that the International Co-operatrion Component of HRD Scheme is meant for training programmes in collaboration with other wool producing countries** and before sanctioning it should be looked into whether IWTO (International Wool Textiles Organization) Conference can be covered under it or not. ED/ CWDB stated that 3 days IWTO conference is very identical to training as there will be lectures on topics like introduction of new technology for the processing of wool, possibilities for development of technology in the area where it requires, international co-operation for the technology including transfer of technology etc. In the

conference method\process of the system for procurement, processing, development and marketing of the wool and woolens will also be discussed along with the difficulties arises and remedies for them. In such type of conferences senior level delegation from different countries comes and discussion with them will be very helpful for making development schemes and framing policies for wool sector in India.

The JS (MOT) & Chairman/ EC was also of the view that participation in these conference will be beneficial and WRA should also be included in one of the conference. And after detailed discussion Executive Committee approved the participation in IWTO conference though The Executive Committee also approved the proposal of post facto approval for sanction of Rs. 5 lakhs for participation by ED, WOOLTEXPRO as a member of minister level delegation to Australia .

DS(IFW) expressed her dissent on the views of Committee in regard to the coverage of the activity under the above Scheme component.

7. Discussion and approval for increased cost for machinery and contractual service under R&D project in favour of CSWRI.

Mrs. Santha Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT stated that increase in the cost of the projects may first be discussed with technical expert and comments of the expert may be placed in the next meeting for approval. After detailed discussion the Executive Committee decided to put up the proposal again in the next EC meeting with reasoned justification for such steep enhancement in project cost within small period of less than one year.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to chair.