

wool

Minutes of the 39th Executive Committee Meeting of CWDB held on 07/02/2012 at Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi

The 39th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the CWDB was held under the chairpersonship of Ms. Sunaina Tomar, Joint Secretary, MOT and Chairperson, CWDB at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi on 7th February, 2012 at 11.30 AM.

Following members participated in the meeting:

1. Mrs. Santha Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT, New Delhi.
2. Shri M.K.Bardhan, Director, WRA, Thane.
3. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Scientist and representative of Director, CSWRI, Avikanagar.
4. Dr. J.R. Bairwa, Dy. Director (Extension) & representative of the Director, AHD, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
5. Shri. A.K. Khullar, Joint Advisor and representative of Director (VSI), Planning Commission
6. Shri K.K.Goyal, Executive Director, CWDB, Jodhpur.

Members absent:

1. Textile Commissioner, Mumbai
2. Secretary General/ IWMF/ Mumbai

In Attendance:

1. Shri K.K. Goswami, Director/ IICT/ Bhadohi
2. Shri Anurag Purohit, Technical Officer /CWDB, Jodhpur.
3. Shri A.M. Mir, Director, Pureweave Fashions Private Ltd. Srinagar.

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 the 38th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 16.08.2011**

Since no comments were received, the minutes of 38th meetings of the Executive Committee of the CWDB were confirmed.

2. **Action taken report on the decisions of the 38th meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board.**

ED/ CWDB placed statements showing Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of last Executive Committee meetings. Chairperson directed ED/ CWDB that a progress report of the sanctioned and running CFC shall be placed in next Executive Committee meeting. ED/ CWDB stated that a consolidated progress report of all running CFC will be placed in next EC meeting.

After detailed discussion Executive Committee approved it.

3. Discussion of Board's progress so far under Annual Plan 2011-12.

ED/ CWDB placed the progress report of CWDB under Plan and Non Plan head till January 2012 and also stated that there is very little sheep population in North East Region and there is no wool processing activity, so there is very little scope for implementation of CWDB Schemes in the region and thus Rs. 1 Crs. allocated by MOT for NE region will not be utilized fully. He stated that in current FY three Woollen Expo have been sanctioned and organized in North Eastern region (in Guwahati, Shillong and Dimapur) in Association with Indian Chamber of Commerce and thus total fund utilization under the head will be approximately Rs. 42 lakhs only.

ED/ CWDB also stated that CWDB will be able to utilize the total Plan fund (Rs. 67.16 Crs) allocated to it for 11th Plan under various schemes considering re-appropriation proposal sent by CWDB and already approved by the Secretary (Textiles).

ED/ CWDB also stated that under Non-Plan head, this year only Rs. 1.27 Crs have been sanctioned though it was Rs. 1.8 Crs for year 2009-10 and Rs. 1.5 Crs for Year 2010-11 and so it is difficult to pay the salary for the CWDB staff for month of February, 2012. In addition to it approx. Rs. 23 lakhs were to be deposited to LIC as Gratuity Contribution for year 2011-12 for CWDB staff, which also could not be deposited due to in-sufficient fund. Chairperson stated that matter is being looked into the Ministry and will surely be sorted out soon.

4. Approval for participation in TEX-TRENDS India, Dilli Hatt and two new proposals received from Director, Industries (Govt. of Jharkhand) & ICC, Guwahati for organizing Woollen Expos at Ranchi & Itanagar (NE Region), respectively.

Executive Committee approved the proposal for participation in Tex-Trends India and Dilli Hatt on post facto basis. Executive Committee also approved the proposal for participation in Industrial Trade Fair being held at Ranchi by Govt. of Jharkhand in Association with IITEO by hiring 20 Stalls at rate proposed (Rs. 4000/- Sq Meter + Taxes if any).

ED/ CWDB stated that CWDB has received a proposal for Woollen Expo at Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) and as fund allocated for NE region could not be utilized fully, project can be considered but Executive Committee not agreed to the proposal.

5. To give permission for procurement of second hand Imported Machineries to M/s Pureweave Fashions Pvt. Ltd. Srinagar Under Quality Processing of Wool Scheme for common Facility Centre sanctioned in previous EC meeting.

ED/ CWDB give the detail regarding the Quality Processing of Wool Scheme and the project sanctioned to M/s **Pureweave Fashions Pvt. Ltd. Srinagar**. After this Director, Pureweave Fashions Pvt. Ltd. Srinagar, Shri A. M. Mir explained in detail the proposal submitted by it for establishing Common Facility Centre for Scouring & Combing of Cashmere, Marino and local wool and necessity of imported processing machines for processing Short staple fiber. He also put up the difficulties regarding importing of the same and requested to procure the already imported machines after inspection of machines by a committee (regarding cost of machineries, residual life, working capacity) to be procured as open tendering will not serve the purpose as a specific machine is required.

Executive Committee did not agree to the proposal to do away with open tendering and stated categorically that open tendering method shall be adopted to procure the required machines as being followed in Govt. of India. EC members also stated that specification of machines shall be clearly spelt out in the tender document so that only desired and proven machinery for processing short staple fiber is procured.

6. Permission to procure Rams by State Govt. agencies at market price and re-appropriation of funds from one component to other for utilization of funds within the over all fund sanctioned by CWDB under S.W.I.S. & R&D.

ED/ CWDB stated that under Breed Improvement components of 'Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme' (SWIS), there is a provision of upto Rs. 4,000/- (including cost of transportation, feed and insurance charges

etc.) to distribute good quality breedable Rams for increasing quality and quantity of indigenous wool. During implementation of scheme in field, State Govt. agencies reported that best quality breedable Rams are not available within this financial limit. The Board has received letters from various Govt. Agencies from Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand and Rajasthan to allow them to procure Ram at market price within the overall fund sanctioned so that sheep breeders can be benefitted and fund allocated for the same can be utilized.

ED/ CWDB also stated that a SFC note was also proposed and sent to MOT for approval in Nov. 2010. He also stated that approx. 70% of total sanction amount is unutilized under the component due to good quality Ram not being available in the given financial limit.

After detailed discussion, Chairperson directed that whole matter shall be referred to her on separate file along with the SFC Note already being sent to MOT.

7. To consider the proposal of LAHDC, Leh for Rs. 5.0 Crore under Revolving Fund scheme for procurement of Pashmina wool.

After detailed discussion Chairperson directed ED/ CWDB that a detailed Note shall be prepared regarding utilization of already released fund for the purpose and be put up in the next Executive Committee meeting for consideration.

8. Proposal for starting a Carpet Weaving Training Centre at Jaipur, a Shawl Weaving Training Centre at Mount Abu (Sirohi), Rajasthan and upgradation of Weaving & Designing Training Centre, Kullu.

Executive Committee approved the upgradation of Weaving & Designing Training Centre, Kullu. For other proposals, Chairperson directed ED/ CWDB to put up the proposal after finalization of 12th Plan Scheme.

9. Participation by CWDB in Made in India shows organized by WOOLTEXPRO, Mumbai.

10. Preparatory work for development of Wool Research Association as Centre of Excellence for wool.

The Chairperson directed ED/CWDB to put up these both proposals after finalization of 12th Plan Schemes.

11. Formation of a Committee for preparation of component, details with financial and physical norms, proforma, guidelines etc. for the schemes proposed for 12th Five Year Plan of Board.

The Executive Committee constituted the Committee for preparation of component wise details with financial and physical norms, proforma, guidelines and other similar issues for proposed 12th Plan schemes of Board comprises following members :

- Director, WRA.
- Director, IICT.
- Director, CSWRI.
- Shri R.K. Manganam, Under Secretary (IFW), MOT
- Executive Director, CWDB.

It was also decided that the Committee would finalise the issues within 2 months.”

12. To conduct survey of Woollen Industry under HRD & Promotional Activities.

EC unanimously agreed to the proposal through open advertising but also stated that before this, ground work and terms of reference shall be completed so that all sectors of Woollen Industry are covered under survey.

13. The proposal of WOOLTEXPRO for participating in I.W.T.O. Conference at New York under HRD Scheme of CWDB.

After detailed discussion EC unanimously approved the proposal for participation in IWTO Conference at New York with total expenditure limit of Rs. 5.0 Lakhs as prescribed under the scheme.

14. To make provision for creation of Wool/Woollen Yarn Bank in North Eastern region (including processing and training centre) and in J&K State.

Matter was discussed in detail and it was decided that discussion be held by ED/ CWDB with the Govt. Agencies working in these area and submit the report to MOT.
