

Minutes of the 30th Governing Body Meeting of the Central Wool Development Board held on 21st May, 2012 at Jodhpur.

The 30th meeting of the Governing Body of the Central Wool Development Board held on 21st May, 2012 at Jodhpur, was presided over by Mrs. Sunaina Tomar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles & Chairperson, CWDB. A list of the participants is enclosed as Annexure- I.

Shri K. K. Goyal, Executive Director & Member Secretary, CWDB welcomed all the members, introduced the members and took up the agenda items as under :

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE C.W.D.B. HELD ON 21ST APRIL, 2011 AT NEW DELHI.

Since no comments were received from any of the member, minutes of the 29th meeting of the Governing Body were confirmed.

ED/ CWDB also informed that the Board displays Agenda Items and Minutes of all Governing Body and Executive Committee Meetings on its website woolboard.nic.in promptly and members can download it and send their comment, if any so that necessary action can be taken accordingly.

2. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE BOARD.

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

Social Security Scheme : The Chairperson enquired about the present status of Sheep & Sheep Breeders Insurance Schemes from ED/CWDB and reason for poor participation from Sheep Breeders. She also stated that marketing and publicity of the scheme is the responsibility of the concerned Insurance Agency and if it is not fulfilling its duties another Insurance Agencies shall be selected through Open Tendering. She also directed ED/ CWDB to form a cell or to depute a separate staff (in the CWDB) for regular

monitoring of progress on weekly and monthly basis. The concerned CWDB staff shall coordinate with the State Governments Animal Husbandry Departments, Insurance Agencies and Sheep Breeders so that more and more sheep breeders can be involved and benefitted with scheme.

Monitoring the progress of projects : ED/ CWDB stated that most of the SWIS projects are implemented in association with State Animal husbandry Departments or their Boards/ Federations but most of these projects could not progress well and complete on time. State representatives from J&K, HP and Rajasthan stated that the delay in procurement of medicines and availability of good quality breedable Ram (within the financial provision made under the scheme) are major bottleneck in the implementation of SWIS. Under SWIS there is a financial provision of Rs. 4000/- for Good Quality Breedable Ram but these are not available within this amount where as Other schemes of Central Govt. such as RKBY (Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana) has provision of Rs. 7500/- for this components.

Dr. A. Batobayal, Joint Commissioner, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Ministry of Agriculture suggested to popularise Artificial Insemination in sheep breeding by conducting massive publicity compaign amongst Sheep Breeders.. He suggested that the Board may provide details of projects sanctioned by CWDB and implemented by different State Animal Husbandry Deptt./ Organizations to his office also so that same can be monitored and taken up with Animal Husbandry Department of concerned State Government and duplicity if any may be avoided.

The Director, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute (a unit of ICAR) informed that now wool production and sheep husbandry scenario has changed perceptibly and farmer's main focus in sheep rearing is mutton. Globally Sheep population has decreased substantially in last 2 decades but it is increasing in India in spite of nearly 30-35 % of total sheep slaughtered annually . Now, shepherds get about 75% from sale of mutton, 10% from manure, 10 to 15 % from wool and Wool is just a by product . Wool growers spends about 30% of total wool earning in shearing and machine shearing if popularized will reduce this cost and will also improve the wool fiber length and quality.

The Chairperson directed ED/ CWDB to reformulate/ modify the existing schemes of CWDB for 12th Plan period so that more and more sheep breeders can be benefitted from CWDB Schemes.

Setting up a Carpet Weaving Training Centre at Jaipur : It was suggested by the Chairperson, CWDB that training shall be imparted under ISDS scheme only and also directed ED/ CWDB to undertake a survey for exploring possibility to impart training in Namda Designing in Tonk and nearby area with the help of Cenral Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar (Tonk).

3. TO NOTE DECISIONS OF THE 38th & 39th MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CWDB.

The Governing Body approved the decisions of 38th and 39th meetings of the Executive Committee of the CWDB held on 16th August, 2011 and 7th Feb.,2012, respectively.

4. TO APPRISE PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2011-12 AND APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2011-12.

ED/CWDB stated that Ministry of Textiles approved total financial outlay of Rs. 13.50 Crore (including Rs. 1.00 Crore exclusively for NE region) to the CWDB for FY 2011-12 to implement its various Plan Schemes. He 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 this region. Accordingly, out of target of Rs. 1.00 Crore for NE Region, only Rs. 0.42 Crore could be utilized and so there was a saving of Rs 0.58 Crore and thus out of Rs. 13.50 Crs. Allocated to Board, Rs. 0.58 Crs could not be utilized.

The Chairperson, CWDB directed ED, CWDB to explore possibility of implementation of Board's schemes in NE Region by holding more Seminars & Workshops so that viable and suitable proposals are submitted to Board.

ED/CWDB also placed a statement showing physical and financial targets and achievements made during Annual Plan 2011-12 and the progress report of all projects sanctioned during 2011-12. ED/ CWDB also placed the details of Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the CWDB for 2011-12 before the Governing Body for discussion and approval.

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body approved the achievements made by the Board during Annual Plan 2011-12 along with Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the CWDB.

5. DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (AUDIT) OF THE CWDB FOR THE YEAR 2008-09 & ITS COMPLIANCE REPORT.

The Governing Body noted the report of Accountant General (Audits), Rajasthan for the year 2008-09 along with its compliance report submitted by the Board. The Chairperson directed ED/ CWDB to take up the issue with AG (audit) Rajasthan for their early closure.

6. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO OPEN A REGIONAL OFFICE-CUM-WOOL TESTING LABORATORY AT LUDHIANA

ED/ CWDB stated that Ludhiana is a leading industrial town of Punjab and is an important center of Woollen Textiles and allied industry as it has units of spinning, dyeing, weaving, finishing and hosiery. To promote linkages with other support Organizations/ Associations, Govt. Departments/ Technical Institutions, to increase export of woollen products and to address the issues related to woollen industries, the Board propose to open its regional office at Ludhiana along with a wool testing laboratory to provide testing facility at the subsidized rates.

ED/ CWDB stated that to run this Office & Wool Testing Laboratory, the Board will require two technical personnel, which may be hired on contract basis from passing out batch of B.Tech. from IICT, Bhadohi looking into their profile and interview by a committee of ED/ CWDB, Director/ WRA and Director/ IICT on same terms and Conditions on which Personnel have been hired in the past.

Building will be hired and required testing equipments will be procured in consultation with WRA, Thane and IICT Bhadohi

The Chairperson, CWDB directed ED, CWDB to upgrade existing Wool Testing Laborator at Bikaner also by getting it accredited internationally and shall finalize the list of required latest equipments early. She also directed that technical personnel to be hired for Ludhiana Centre shall be well qualified in the field of worsted sector and international wool trade and for it separate approval shall be obtained from her before hiring is processed.

After detailed discussion the Governing Body approved the setting up of Regional office cum Wool Testing Laboratory of the CWDB at Ludhiana along with hiring of two technical personnel by a committee of ED/ CWDB, Director/ WRA and Director/ IICT .

7. PROPOSAL FOR STARTING A CARPET WEAVING TRAINING CENTRE AT JAIPUR & A SHAWL WEAVING TRAINING CENTRE AT LEH (J. & K.)

A. Carpet Weaving Training Centre at Jaipur :

ED/ CWDB stated that Rajasthan is a major producer of domestic raw wool and woollen products specially carpets but presently Jaipur carpet industry is badly suffering from the unavailability of carpet making skilled laboureres and starting a carpet training Centre at Jaipur will be very helpful for the industry.

Director/ CSWRI suggested that best Quality Namda are produced in Tonk district of Rajasthan but due to shortage of skilled laboureres this profession is also dying.

The Chairperson, CWDB suggested that training programme to provide skilled laboureres both for Carpet and Namda sector shall be imparted under ISDS (Integrated Skill Development Scheme) in association with IICT and presently there is no need to start a new Training Centre at Jaipur.

B. Shawl Weaving & Designing Training Centre at Leh (J. & K.):

ED/ CWDB stated that India produces the finest Pashmina wool in the world and the best quality comes from the Ladakh region of J. & K. State. Presently dehaired Pashmina goes to Kullu, Ludhiana, Srinagar for making Pashmina yarn and thereafter Pashmina shawls but no such activities of shawl weaving is being done in Leh due to unavailability of skilled labourers or any training Facility. Accordingly, the Board intends to set up a Shawl Weaving and Designing Training Centre at Leh for further value addition to Pashmina wool and to increase employment opportunities, specially to women, during severe winter season by generating skill in weaving and designing in traditional shawls. The approx. expenditure to start this center will be Rs. 12 lakh. Necessary loom and other equipment will be procured in association with IICT Bhadohi.

After detailed discussion the Governing Body approved the setting up of Shawl Weaving & Designing Training Centre at Leh.

8. Discussion and approval for providing Sheep Shearing Machines under Common Facility Centre (CFC) of Quality Processing of Wool scheme.

ED/ CWDB stated that India is producing short staple wool and for making quality yarn, higher fibre length is required. It has also been observed that wool growers are paying considerable amount of the cost of wool for sheep shearing. To sustain wool growing and sheep rearing activities in country, there is urgent need to provide support to wool growers for which the Board proposed to provide assistance to interested State Sheep & Wool Development Board/Organizations to procure sheep shearing Machines. These shearing machines will be placed in their existing Extension Centers/ Veterinary Hospitals/ CFCs & Multiple Facility Centers for shearing of sheep with minimum operational charges. These machines will be sanctioned under Quality Processing of Wool Scheme, under which Financial Grant up to Rs. 50 Lakhs is being provided as per approved scheme.

The Chairperson, CWDB suggested that fund shall be sanctioned only to those State Govt.'s which are interested in procuring sheep shearing machines and can ensure its maintenance and are also able to procure its spare parts at later stage.

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body of CWDB approved procurement of Sheep Shearing Machines to interested State Sheep & Wool Development Departments/ Organizations under Quality processing of Wool Scheme to reduce shearing cost and to get better staple length wool fibre in India.

9. Discussion and approval to conduct Survey of Woollen Industry under HRD & Promotional Activities of Board.

ED/ CWDB stated that presently there exist serious information gap in the wool sector. There is no central point in the Government where consolidated statistics and information on wool sector is available.

He also stated that detailed survey in this regards will be very helpful in planning and implementation of schemes and will be a guide to prepare further plan to develop the wool sector and to increase the export. He proposed to conduct this survey work with the help of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, Bhadohi an educational institution under Ministry of Textiles on actual cost basis under HRD and Promotional Activities of the Board.

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body unanimously approved the survey of Woollen industry in association with IICT/ Bhadohi under reimbursement of actual expenditure basis but before that Chairperson directed ED/ CWDB that before going ahead Questionnaires (Parameters which will be covered under survey) shall got be approved from her.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson.

Annexure- I.

List of participants for 30th Governing Body meeting held on 21-05-2012 at Jodhpur

1. Mrs. Sunaina Tomar, Chairperson, CWDB and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, Udyog Bhawan, NEW DELHI
2. Shri K.K. Goswami, Director, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, BHADOHI, U.P. 221 401
3. Dr. S. M. K. Naqvi, Director, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Via: Jaipur, Distt. Tonk, Rajasthan. 304 501
4. Dr. S. K. Sharma, Managing Director, J. & K. State Sheep & Sheep Product Development Board, Bari Brahmana, Jammu. 181 133
5. Dr. A. Batobayal, Joint Commissioner, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, NEW DELHI
6. Shri T. R. Rao, Sr. Scientist, Wool Research Association, Akbar Camp Road, Sandoz Baug, Kolshet Road, THANE (Mumbai)
7. Dr. Ayub Khan, Asst. Director, Deptt. of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Govt. of Tamilnadu, Chennai-6
8. Dr. D. S. Molpha, (V.O. Grade-I), Uttarakhand Sheep & Wool Development Board, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
9. Shri Deepak Saini, Manager (Marketing & Procurement), H.P. State Wool Procurement & Mkt. Fed. Ltd., Govt. of H.P., Shimla.
10. Dr. J. P. Nandwani, Office of the Jt. Director (Jodhpur), Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Rajasthan.
11. Shri K.K. Goyal, Executive Director & Member Secretary, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur.

In Attendance:

1. Dr. D. B. Shakyawar, Principal Scientist, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Teh.Malpura, Via:JAIPUR 304 501 Raj.
2. Shri Rakesh Shangloo, Financial Advisor, J. & K. State Sheep & Sheep Product Development Board, Bari Brahmana, Jammu. 181 133
3. Ms Ipsita Saha Paul, Section Officer(Wool), Ministry Of Textiles, New Delhi
4. Shri Jugal Chaudhary, Administrative Officer/ CWDB/ Jodhpur
5. Shri Anurag Purohit, Technical Officer, CWDB, Jodhpur.
6. Shri Dhan Singh Rathore, Steno Gr. 'C', CWDB, Jodhpur.