

MINUTES OF THE 26th GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF THE
CENTRAL WOOL DEVELOPMENT BOARD HELD ON 18TH AUGUST,
09 AT SHIMLA.

The 26th meeting of the Governing Body of the Central Wool Development Board was presided over by Shri Sagar Rayka, Chairman, CWDB held on 18th August, 2009 at Shimla. A list of the participants is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Shri Om Prakash, Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board welcomed all the members and get introduced among the members.

Shri Sagar Rayka, Chairman, CWDB welcomed all members and addressed the Board. The Chairman, in his address briefed about the activities of the Board during financial year 2008-09 and important agenda items of meeting and invited comments and other suggestion etc.

After the address of the Chairman, the Member Secretary and Executive Director, CWDB took up the agenda items and made Power Point Presentation and invited point-wise discussion on the agenda, as under :

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF
THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE C.W.D.B. HELD ON 5th
JANUARY, 2009 AT NEW DELHI

Since no comments were received, the minutes of the 25th meeting of the Governing Body were confirmed.

2. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 25th
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

ED, CWDB placed a statement showing action taken report on the decision of last Governing Body meeting and following decisions were made :

A. **To reduce premium amount of sheep breeders under Sheep Breeders Insurance Scheme :**

MD, Karnataka Sheep & Wool Development Corp., Bangalore informed that this scheme received tremendous response in Karnataka State but they are facing some difficulties regarding delay in settlement of claims and benefit of scholarship for students of 10th class standard. He informed that the LIC is not considering the students of 10th class for scholarship even after producing sufficient documents. The LIC of India required the pass out certificate of 9th standard.

The Chairman directed to take up the matter with LIC regarding scholarship for 10th standard students in Karnataka and give direction to settle the claim within one month time period. He also directed to pursue the matter to bring down the premium amount as experience with this group is favourable to LIC.

B. To engage some experts on short term contract or out-sourcing basis under different activities of Board :

As the Board is having minimal staff strength and even limited resources and capacity, the Governing Body, in principle, approved to engage some experienced/retired/well qualified persons under its different schemes to meet additional requirement of manpower due to expansion of Board's work. The ED, CWDB informed that the Board has engaged a part time Veterinary Officer (Retd. from Govt. of Rajasthan). Keeping in view the work load full time Veterinary officer as consultant is required.

The Dy. Secretary (Finance),MOT informed that the Board may engage the experts on out-sourcing basis as per procedure and guidelines laid down in this regard by the Government.

C. To open a Sub-office-cum-Guest House of Board at New Delhi :

The Chairman instructed to explore possibility for getting suitable space in any Government accommodation at New Delhi and directed to open the office on priority basis for better coordination and smooth disposal of the Board's work with Ministry.

3. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ACHIEVEMENTS/ PROGRESS MADE BY THE BOARD DURING THE ANNUAL PLAN 2008-09.

ED, CWDB informed that against a target of 15.00 crore, the Board has utilized Rs. 14.80 crore under Plan head of the Annual Plan 2008-09 and explained in detail about physical and financial targets and achievements under different activities. He also explained that the Board had made a provision of Rs. 1.00 crore to establish two Common

Facility Centres each of Rs. 0.50 crore under Pre-loom activity under 'Quality Processing of Wool'. Under this scheme, the Board had established both the CFCs but utilized amount of Rs. 0.80 crore only as next installment of grant under one CFC could not be sanctioned due to non-completion of tendering work for installation of machineries etc. upto end of the financial year 2008-09.

Shri S. Chandrasekhar, CMD, Gujarat Sheep & Wool Development Corporation sent a E Mail where he has mentioned that "the review suggests (in his view) that the Board has been able to implement its schemes very creditably during 2008-09 although it had insufficient technical staff. Moreover, a number of systems appear to have been put in place during the year to monitor performance by agencies receiving grants from the Board." The Governing Body noted these achievements.

After detail discussion, the Governing Body approved the achievements/ progress made by the Board during the Annual Plan 2008-09.

4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PLAN 2009-10 AND PROGRESS MADE BY THE BOARD UNDER ITS VARIOUS PROGRAMME UPTO JULY,2009.

The ED, CWDB informed that the MOT has approved financial allocation of Rs. 15.00 crore under Plan programme and Rs. 1.80 crore under non-plan allocation of Board for the current financial year 2009-10. He explained that the Board has sanctioned grant of Rs. 1.97 crore under SWIS, HRD and Quality & Processing schemes upto month of July, 2009 during Annual Plan 2009-10.

The Governing Body approved the Annual Plan 2009-10 and progress made by the Board upto July,2009.

5. TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF 29TH AND 30TH MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE C.W.D.B. HELD ON 20TH JANUARY AND 17TH JUNE, 2009 AT NEW DELHI, RESPECTIVELY.

The Governing Body approved the decisions of 29th and 30th meetings of the Executive Committee of the CWDB.

6. TO ENHANCE ALLOWANCES/ENTITLEMENT OF BOARD'S NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS FOR ATTENDING MEETINGS AND VISIT PROGRAMMES OF BOARD'S ACTIVITIES.

The ED, CWDB informed that the Executive Committee has agreed in principle in its last meeting to revise allowances/entitlements of Board's non-official members for attending meetings and visit programmes of Board's activities and as per direction of this meeting the matter is placed before this Governing Body for discussion and further approval.

He informed that as per existing orders, the non-official members are entitled to allowances equivalent to the officers of Grade Pay of Rs. 6,600/- under the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission for attending the meetings etc. Looking at prevailing higher hotel rates in metro cities, the present entitlement for stay in hotel (Rs. 1,500/- per day) is very low and put to a lot of inconvenience due to non-availability of decent accommodation within permissible limits. As the Board is an autonomous body, decent accommodation in Circuit House etc. is also not easily available.

The Dy. Secretary (Finance), MOT informed to forward the proposal to MOT to get necessary approval from competent authority in this regard.

After detail discussion, the Governing Body, in principle, approved the proposal to enhance/revise entitlement for allowances to non-official members equivalent to the officers of Grade Pay of Rs. 7,600/- as per report of Sixth Central Pay Commission for attending GB/EC meetings and other official journey duly approved by the GB/EC and directed to take up the matter with the MOT for its formal approval.

7. APPROVAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED A.C.P. SCHEME FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD.

The ED, CWDB informed that there is a provision under the Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) introduced under the Sixth Central Pay Commission (SCPC) that "The MACPS is directly applicable only to Central Government Civilian employees. It will not get automatically extended to employees of Central Autonomous/Statutory Bodies under the administrative control of a Ministry/Department. Keeping in view the financial implications involved, a conscious decision in this regard shall have to be taken by the respective Governing Body/Board of Directors and the

administrative Ministry concerned and where it is proposed to adopt the MACPS, prior concurrence of Ministry of Finance shall be obtained.”

The Governing Body agreed with above conscious decision and directed to forward the proposal to the MOT for implementation of MACPS in the CWDB.

8. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2008-09.

The ED, CWDB placed the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Board for the year 2008-09 before the Board for its approval.

The Governing Body approved the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the CWDB for the year 2008-09.

9. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM :

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE USES OF COARSAE WOOLS – Item submitted for consideration by the CMD, GUSHEEL

The ED, CWDB informed that the Board has received an additional agenda item through E Mail message from Shri S. Chandrasekhar, CMD, Gujarat Sheep & Wool Development Corp. Ltd., Gandhinagar (GUSHEEL) regarding ‘Identification of alternative uses of coarse wools’ and with the permission of the Chairman, CWDB the same was placed before the Governing Body for discussion.

The CMD, GUSHEEL mentioned in above agenda item that prices of different varieties of carpet grade wool produced in the country have declined sharply and it is urgently necessary to initiate measures to de-link the prices of such wool, especially coarser wools, from the fluctuating export demand for carpets.

The suggestion by the CMD, GUSHEEL on finding out alternative avenues for appropriate use of carpet wools, which are going abegging in demand, because of recession trend, was well taken in the meeting. The possibility of diversified use in Technical Textiles is worth pursuing through Centres of Excellence set up by the MOT, of late.

Shri T.R. Rao, Sr. Scientist, Wool Research Association, Thane informed that 4 Centres of Excellence set up by the MOT correspond to development of Geo Textiles, Agro Textiles, Medical Textiles and Protective clothing, in which role of wool and that too

for coarse variety wool is negligible. However 'Home Textiles' and Interior Textiles in an area, alongwith other industrial outlets which may have to be explored. He also informed that WRA has already initiated some work in Automotive textiles like Break liners etc. WRA has already submitted some R&D projects to CWDB for financial assistance in this aspects.

After detail discussion, the Chairman decided to hold a separate meeting in detail with CMD, GUSHEEL and all other concerned on the subject to identify/initiate appropriate action in the matter for R&D measures.

OTHER DISCUSSION :

i) Shri V.P. Verma, Non-official member from H.P. State informed that as per the decision of last Executive Committee he alongwith other members of a team visited the project area of Flight India, Nagpur under Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme and found satisfactory implementation in the field. One another reputed organization of MOT i.e. WRA has also visited the project and graded the implementing agency as Good in their interim evaluation report. He explained that the WRA is satisfied with this NGO's work while Board's team has pointed out irregularities in implementation of Board's schemes. The team officer of the Board mentioned that there is about 6,000 sheep in Chandrapur area while WRA and NGO have mentioned about 36,000 sheep. It appears that the officer of the Board has submitted the biased report with indiscipline behaviour looking at huge difference in sheep population. The officer of the Board should be reprimanded and Board has agreed and directed to Executive Director to examine the matter and submit the report to MOT.

ii) The GM, H.P. State Wool Marketing Fed. Ltd., Shimla informed that the funds for Health is required in different component and vary from State to State and requested to allow for inter-component adjustment under the component of Health Care of Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme of CWDB.

It was decided that with the prior approval of concerned Directorate of State Animal Husbandry Department, the ED, CWDB may allow to implementing agencies for inter-component adjustment to purchase medicines within overall limit of Rs. 18/- sheep per year.

The GM, H.P. State Wool Marketing Fed. suggested to impart training programmes for Board's employees under its different works and how to prepare and submit the report to higher authorities with its creditably etc.

The GM, H.P. State Wool Marketing Fed., Shimla informed that their Federation is presently involved in implementation of all schemes and programmes of the Board and he impressed and appreciated with the work of the Executive Director, CWDB about prompt and positive response on any quarry/difficulties as and when require by him under any schemes of the Board.

iii) Shri Sangram Bharwad, non-official member from Gujarat State suggested to explore possibility for introduction of Minimum Support Price system for raw wool in country to provide remunerative returns to wool growers as sale of wool has shown a reducing trend continuously and requested to take up the matter with the MOT.

iv) During the discussion regarding expansion of Board's activities, the Governing Body agreed that the CWDB must be strengthened with higher rank of technical posts from different sectors of wool development and to open some branch offices at important locations. The Governing Body approved to hire some highly technical experts on deputation basis from Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute (CSWRI - ICAR), Wool Research Association and State Animal Husbandry Departments and initially focused on opening of sub-office at New Delhi only. They will examine the project proposals, help in preparing feasible and viable proposal, proper implementation and regular monitoring of projects in the field.

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

List of participants for the 26th Governing Body meeting of the CWDB
held on 18-08-09 at Shimla

1. Shri Sagar Raika, Chairman, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur.
2. Shri Aditya Kumar, Director (Wool), MOT and representative of the Jt. Secretary (Wool) and Vice Chairman, CWDB, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Smt. Shanta Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Dr. B.C. Bist, Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of H.P., Shimla.
5. Shri Vijay Thakur, General Manage, H. P. State Wool Procurement & Mkt. Federation Ltd., Shimla.
6. Dr. K. Shiva Kumar, Managing Director, Karnataka Sheep & Wool Development Corp. Ltd., Bangalore.
7. Shri T.R. Rao, Scientist, Wool Research Association, Thane, Mumbai.
8. Shri V.P. Verma, non-official member from H.P. State.
9. Shri Shangrambhai B. Bharwad, Non-official member from Gujarat State.
10. Shri Hanumana Ram Raika, Non-official member from Rajasthan State.
11. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Dy. Director (Migration) – representative of the Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
12. Dr. A. S Negi, Chief Executive Officer, Uttaranchal Sheep Board – representing of the Addl. Secretary, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Uttaranchal, Dehradun.
13. Shri Om Prakash, Member Secretary and Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur.
