

**MINUTES OF THE 27th GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF THE
CENTRAL WOOL DEVELOPMENT BOARD HELD ON 10th
MAY,2010 AT SRINAGAR (J. & K.)**

The 27th meeting of the Governing Body of the Central Wool Development Board held on 10th May,2010 at Srinagar & was presided over by Shri Sagar Rayka, Chairman, CWDB. A list of the participants is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Shri K.K. Goyal, 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 important activities of the Board, problems of wool sector and important agenda items of Governing body meeting and invited comments and suggestion from other Board members so that programmes and Schemes of the Board can be implemented effectively.

After the address of the Chairman, Vice Chairman/CWDB Shri S.S. Gupta, welcomed members of the Governing Body and briefed about Indian Scenario in Wool & woollen sector, important activities of the Wool Board and additional Components approved by SFC of Ministry of Textile.

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 26th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE C.W.D.B. HELD ON 18th AUGUST, 2009 AT SHIMLA.

Since no comments were received from any member, the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Governing Body were confirmed.

2. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 26th 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 taken:

ATR-1: Many Board members stated that Sheep Breeders are not getting the Sheep Insurance Claim timely though matter have been discussed with OIC on many occasion. After discussing it was decided to examine performance of Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd. and take up matter with higher officials of OIC and if required, possibility of changing/adding new insurance company for effective implementation of this scheme be explored so that poor sheep breeder get their claim timely.

ATR-2: Regarding suitable Government accommodation at New Delhi to open Board's office it was decided that a committee should be formed to examine the necessity of Board's office in Delhi as Board have minimum staff (Approx. 25) and it would be very difficult to spare some staff from these to be posted at Delhi and with Finance Ministry's Austerity measures in place it would be very difficult to get sanction for new posts.

ATR-3: Regarding forwarding proposal to MOT to get necessary approval from competent authority to enhance/ revise entitlement for allowances of non-official members for attending meetings of Governing Body/ Executive Committee, ED/ CWDB stated that matter have been

forwarded to MOT but till date no reply have been received. The Vice Chairman stated that all cases where matter have been forwarded to MOT should be bring to his notice personally by ED/ CWDB for prompt disposal of the matter. Smt. Shanta Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT also stated that for such important matter ED/ CWDB can met her personally so that there is no delay in deciding such important matters.

ATR-4: To forward the proposal to the MOT for getting necessary approval to implement the Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) for the employees of the CWDB, ED/ CWDB stated that matter have been forwarded to MOT but necessary approval have not been received. Ms. S. Rawla, Joint Secretary, Animal Husbandry Deptt, Ministry of Agriculture stated that all benefits under 6th CPC should be given to all staffs of CWDB without any delay as these benefits have already been passed to all Central Govt. Employees.

ATR-6 : To examine the matter of Flight India, Nagpur, ED/ CWDB stated that matter was discussed with SSP/ CBI Jodhpur personally but SSP stated that the matter is under investigation and it is not possible for CBI to advice on continuation/ discontinuation of the next installment of the Grant. Governing Body members stated that Programme implementation is suffering at the cost of intended beneficiaries and decided that in the interest of beneficiaries under SWIS project of Flight India, Nagpur the Board may transfer this project to other suitable implementing agency having good track record. As such Board may invite fresh proposal not only for this area but also from other area also where performance of IA is not satisfactory or where area is not covered by any SWIS project as there are huge saving in this scheme in FY 2009-10.

ATR-8: The Governing Body directed to hire experienced/retired personnels as Consultant on short term contact basis for better implementation and regular monitoring of Board's schemes/projects and short-out manpower problem in Board. The Board also agreed to revive some posts which have been surrendered/lapsed so that against these posts officials can be hired on deputation basis and submit the proposal to MOT.

3. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER ANNUAL PLAN 2009-10 AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2009-10.

ED, CWDB explained about physical and financial targets and achievements made by the Board under Annual Plan 2009-10 along with Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the CWDB and elaborated about reasons for low utilization/shortfalls. All members expressed serious concern over poor utilization of funds and stated that fresh proposals be invited from suitable Implementing Agency having good track record in area where IA's are not working satisfactorily or areas which are still uncovered and in no case funds should remain unutilized or surrendered.

It was also suggested to link physical targets with annual wool production per sheep. The Board directed ED / CWDB to make strategy to expedite timely utilization of Plan fund, in future.

Shri S.S. Gupta, Joint Secretary, MOT & VC, CWDB directed ED to take up follow up action on ongoing R&D projects and this should be discussed in the meetings of Executive Committee of Board as a separate agenda item so that actual benefit of the R&D project at the field level can be assessed.

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body approved the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year 2009-10.

4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PLAN 2010-11 OF THE BOARD.

The ED, CWDB informed that the Board has submitted a proposal of Rs. 15.00 Crs. under Plan allocation to the MOT as per 11th Plan document of the CWDB to implement its three different schemes and explained scheme-wise physical and financial targets for 2010-11. He also assured that every effort will be made to fully utilize the funds in current FY.

After detailed discussion, the Board approved the Annual Plan 2010-11.

5. MODIFICATION UNDER 'SHEEP & WOOL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME' AS APPROVED BY S.F.C. OF THE MOT.

Ms. S. Rawla, Jt. Secretary (AHD), Ministry of Agriculture mentioned that there is need to increase budget allocation as five new components have been added under modified SWIS. She also suggested to form an Empowered Committee to make small changes in the schemes, if necessary, in place of taking approval of SFC/ EFC for such small changes as this is being followed in Ministry of Agriculture. Vice Chairman suggested that such small modifications can be decided by Executive Committee. He also suggested to invite State specific project proposals as per requirement of particular area as supplementary programme avoiding duplicity. He also mentioned that we are deficient in wool production and importing wool and our emphasis should be in increasing production of quality wool.

The Board noted modification under SWIS as approved by SFC of the MOT for remaining period of 11th Plan.

6. TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF 31ST AND 32ND MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE C.W.D.B. HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER,2009 AND 3RD MARCH,2010 AT NEW DELHI, RESPECTIVELY.

Shri V.P. Verma, non-official member from H.P. State objected the decisions of agenda point no. 6 to 9 of 32nd Executive Committee meeting and stated that these points were not discussed in 32nd Executive Committee meeting. The ED, CWDB informed that the matter had already been brought to the notice of the then Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The VC, CWDB and Chairman, EC directed to place these agenda items again in the next EC meeting which will be held shortly.

After detailed discussion, the Governing Body approved the decisions of 31st and 32nd meetings of the Executive Committee.

7. DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (AUDIT) OF THE C.W.D.B. FOR THE YEAR 2006-07 AND 2007-08 AND ITS COMPLIANCE.

ED, CWDB placed the report of the Accountant General (Audit) of the CWDB along with para-wise compliance report and requested the Board to approve the same.

After detail discussion, the Governing Body taken following decisions:

- Most of the Audit Paras are related to non-submission of utilization certificate by state Govts and directed ED to talk personally to different state agencies and collect required information and submit the same to Audit so that these Audit Paras can be closed.

- It was also agreed to wave some interest amount and recommended to take up the matter with AG (Audit) personally to settle/ close some genuine cases where interest was clearly not calculated by the implementing agencies under Board's grant.

- Regarding purchase of mobile instruments/gadgets of Rs. 1.05 lakh and excess mobile bill expenses of Rs. 68,930, the Board approved these expenses as a special case and directed ED/CWDB to follow established guidelines/procedure on the subject so that in future Audit Reference on such petty matter can be avoided.

The Governing Body noted the report of Accountant General (Audits), Rajasthan for the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 along with its compliance report made by the Board.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

- i. Dr. B.A. War, Managing Director, J. & K. State Sheep & Sheep Products Development Board requested to provide assistance for value addition to wool by establishing scouring and processing facilities and sheep shearing machines and ED/ CWDB stated that for that Project proposal should be sent to CWDB and it would be decided favorably. The MD, J. & K. Sheep Board also requested that the amount prescribed (Rs. 3000) for purchase of ram in SWIS scheme is not sufficient and it is not possible to purchase good quality ram and to enhance this amount from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 6000.

The Vice chairman/ CWDB stated that the issue would be examined in the next EC meeting.

ii. The Chairman stated that there is lack of good quality Rams and it is necessary to verify that good quality Rams are physically distributed under Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme and this aspect should be inspected during inspection conducted by Board official's field visits.

iii. Dr. K. Shivkumar, Managing Director, Karnataka Sheep & Wool Corp. Ltd. requested to grant approval for re-tendering under R&D project for Deccani wool. The Board granted permission and directed to finalize it early being important R&D project.

iv. Ms. S. Rawla, Jt. Secretary (AHD), Ministry of Agriculture stated that the CWDB may carefully finalize terms of references for selecting Evaluation Agency for Board's projects. She further mentioned that Evaluating Agency should also give their report on future strategy for development of wool and woollen in coming 15/20 years.

v. Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, WRA stressed need for grading of wool for better prices of wool.

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

Annexure – I

List of participants for the 27th Governing Body meeting of the CWDB held on 10-05-2010 at Srinagar.

1. Shri Sagar Raika, Chairman, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur.
2. Shri S.S. Gupta, Joint Secretary (Wool), MOT and Vice Chairman, CWDB, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Ms. S. Rawla, Joint Secretary, Animal Husbandry Deptt, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Smt. Shanta Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Dr. K.K. Goswami, Director, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, Bhadoi.
6. Shri A.K. Khullar, Joint Adviser, (VSI), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Dr. B.A. War, Managing Director, J. & K. State Sheep & Sheep Product Development Board, Srinagar.
8. Dr. K. Shiva Kumar, Managing Director, Karnataka Sheep & Wool Development Corp. Ltd., Bangalore.
9. Shri Mahesh Sanil, Secretary General, Indian Woollen Mills Federation, Mumbai.
10. Dr. S.A. Karim, Director, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Jaipur.
11. Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, Wool Research Association, Thane, Mumbai.
12. Shri V.P. Verma, non-official member from H.P. State.
13. Shri Shangrambhai B. Bharwad, Non-official member from Gujarat State.
14. Shri P.V. Rajendiran, Non-official member from Tamilnadu State.
15. Dr. G.L. Lunia, Dy. Director (Migration) – representative of the Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
16. Shri K.K. Goyal, Member Secretary and Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur.
