

Confirmation of the minutes of the 31st meeting of the Executive Committee held on 27th October,2009 at New Delhi.

The 31st meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Central Wool Development Board was held under the chairmanship of Shri Bhupendra Singh, Joint Secretary, MOT and Vice Chairman, CWDB at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi on 27th October,2009. Following members participated in the meeting:

- (i) Shri A.K. Khullar, Jt. Adviser(VSE), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, N. Delhi.
- (ii) Mrs. Shanta Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT, N. Delhi.
- (iii) Shri V.P. Verma, Non-official member from H.P. State.
- (iv) Dr. S.K. Sharma, Dy. Director - representative of Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- (v) Dr. D.B. Shakyawar, Sr. Scientist – representative of Director, CSWRI, Jaipur.
- (vi) Dr.C.W.Acharya, Sr. Scientist–representative of Director, WRA, Thane.
- (vii) Shri Aditya Kumar, Director, MOT & Executive Director, CWDB, Jodhpur.

Shri P.S. Champawat, Wool Marketing Development Officer, CWDB, Jodhpur also attended the meeting.

Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur welcomed the members and invited point-wise discussion on the agenda.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH JUNE,2009, IN NEW DELHI

Since no comments were received, the minutes of the 30th meeting of the Executive Committee was confirmed.

2. ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

The Executive Committee discussed each point in details and the following decisions were taken :-

- (a) The Wool Research Association would conduct assessment of minimum three Common Facility Centres under Quality Processing of Wool scheme randomly by selecting one centre each from Rajasthan, H.P. and Punjab for which WRA may charge reasonable fee on the basis of actuals for undertaking assessment exercise. The ED, CWDB may

finalize the fee/charges in consultation with WRA. The EC also directed that assessment work should be completed by the end of November, 2009.

- (b) A meeting with Oriental Insurance Co. (OIC) was held by Jt. Secretary, MOT & VC, CWDB recently in Delhi in which it was decided to decentralize the sheep insurance works to Divisional Offices situated in Project areas. However, OIC is yet to implement this decision. The Jt. Secretary & Vice Chairman, CWDB directed the ED, CWDB to take up this matter with the OIC and also write a letter to the CMD, OIC from the Jt. Secretary, MOT & VC, CWDB.
- (c) It was directed that the Board may collect list of some good NGOs who are working in North-Eastern States from DONER, New Delhi to implement Board's programme in the region in future since spending in NE region is not adequate and all efforts should be made to spend 10% funds in NE region.
- (d) For construction of Board's office building at Jodhpur, the Board may hire the services of an architect to re-design the proposal as directed by the EC. VC, CWDB expressed dissatisfaction on the tardy progress in this regard.
- (e) The Board should display all necessary information related to each scheme/project on the Board's website with beneficiary details as per earlier directions of EC to keep it informative and transparent. It should also put a metre on the web to see how many visitors visit the sight.

3. TO APPRISE THE COMMITTEE OF THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE BOARD UNDER ITS VARIOUS SCHEMES DURING CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 2009-10 UPTO 30TH SEPTEMBER,2009.

The EC noted the statement regarding physical and financial achievement. Board was directed to expedite the progress and utilization of funds. EC was particularly concerned about the cases where executing agencies had submitted UCs but the next installments were not released because of late verifications by Board. EC directed that in future all verifications must be done during the course of implementation and once UC is submitted, funds should be released within 15 days positively since delay at that stage creates a bad image for functioning of the Board. It was also directed that the Board may prepare Revised Estimates (RE) as per the requirement of funds for each scheme and

more funds be given in components like marketing support and woolen expos where there is greater demand and better utilization.

4. **TO APPROVE THE NOTE FOR STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING MODIFICATION OF I.W.I.D.P. SCHEME FOR REST OF THE PERIOD OF THE 11TH FIVE YEAR PLAN.**

It was directed that the CWDB should reframe Note on SFC for IWIDP for introducing some new components as suggested by the team of the Planning Commission. It was intimated that these new components will be implemented with the savings from other components of the scheme. The following suggestions were given in this regard:-

- Labour contribution should be arranged by the implementing agency/beneficiary in such components.
- Beneficiary contribution and self-sustainable aspect of Multiple Facility Centre should be explored to make it viable in long term.
- Detailed methodology and proper guidelines should be drawn for each new component.
- For marketing of raw wool, the provision of Revolving fund should be created only for organizations of State Governments.
- The Board may prepare a model scheme for ram-rearing in private sector in consultation with the implementing agencies under SWIS, State Government organizations etc. This should be included in the SFC Note as a new component.
- Revised SFC exercise must be completed by 30th November so that approval of the competent authority be taken by 15th December and it could be implemented in this financial year.

5. **TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2010-11 OF THE BOARD.**

The Executive Committee approved Plan allocation of Rs. 15.0 crore for the Annual Plan 2010-11 of the Board with increased internal allocation for the scheme of marketing support through woolen expos as per its actual requirement.

6. **TO APPROVE MODIFICATION IN WOOLLEN EXPO ACTIVITY (EXHIBITION-CUM-SALE OF WOOLLEN) UNDER 'HRD & PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY' OF THE BOARD.**

After detailed discussion, on issues like delayed approval of expos, non preparation of a calendar of expos on the beginning of the year etc. the Executive Committee approved modified Woolen Expo activity and directed to revise the guidelines on following points :

- (i) Existing GOI financial rules and procedure will be followed by coordinating agency in implementation. The agency would submit Audited Accounts of the expenses incurred against advance amount duly certified by the CA, and there would be no need to depute Board's representative for verification of tendering process and vouchers which should be dispensed with in order to avoid delays and increase in travel expenses.
- (ii) Release of funds will be in two installments i.e. 50% at the time of sanctioning the Expo and 50% within 15 days of submission of final claim by the agency after the Expo is over. Board will ensure release of first installment within a week after approval of EC.
- (iii) In order to attract buyers, an additional provision of organizing cultural and educational programmes during the expo may be held and Board may provide additional grant for such activity subject to a ceiling of one lakh rupees.
- (iv) As far as possible, the Expos should be inaugurated by VIPs and invitation cards should be issued to all Board members, officers in the Ministry and other dignitaries as per guest list of DC(HL) and DC(HC).
- (v) To verify the Expo, claims should be submitted by the executing agencies with news clippings of the event in news-papers, event photos and a minimum 15 minutes video film on CD to cover whole Expo & also video clips of peak visitors days.
- (vi) The members of the EC should be invited to visit the Expo. The Board will bear boarding, lodging and transportation expenses as per provisions under Govt. of India.
- (vii) The Board may also depute an officer of the Board to visit Expo, if it feels necessary.
- (viii) The issue of non-participation of many allottees in the fair was discussed in detail. It was found that the list of registered exhibitors with the Board is obsolete. It was also found that with a meager staff

strength, Board should not use its manpower in non productive and routine works of implementation. Hence it was decided that the job of inviting the participants should be left to the coordinating agency. Board should update the list of participants of weavers/artisans/societies etc. from time to time and provide it to the coordinating agency for allotment of stalls on some transparent and equitable principle. The revised list should include persons dealing in wool and woolen products and registered with the office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms)/Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)/ District Industries Departments of States etc. Board should invite such participants through placing an ad on its web site. This exercise should be completed as soon as possible. However, the expos to be conducted during this period should not be affected and delayed because of this revision.

7. **TO APPRISE THE COMMITTEE REGARDING ORGANIZING 'WOOLLEN EXPOS' AT DEHRADUN, GUWAHATI, LUCKNOW, AHMEDABAD AND PUNE DURING 2009-10.**

The EC noted that seeing the direct benefit of woolen expos Board may organize more Woollen Expos during current financial year. The ED, CWDB mentioned that the Board has received some more proposals for organizing Expos. The EC gave approval for organizing Expos at Dehradun, Shillong, NOIDA and Desert festival at Jaisalmer. EC also asked Board to explore the possibility of holding expos in hill stations during spring and summer at places like Mussoorie, Nainital, Manali etc. It was also advised that Board must participate in famous India International Trade Fair New Delhi in future. In the interest of avoiding delays, EC authorized Vice Chairman, CWDB to approval any further proposal if found good during this financial year.

8. **TO APPRISE THE COMMITTEE OF THE POSITION OF PENDING UTILIZATION OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE C.W.D.B. TO VARIOUS IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES DURING 10th & 11th PLAN PERIODS.**

The EC noted and directed the CWDB to pursue the matter regarding refund of unspent balance grant amount being kept by the various State government agencies. The Board may request MOT with details to take up

the matter with the Ministry of Finance for recovery of unspent grant amount by various State Govt. Agencies/Deptts.

EC noted with concern that several NGOs are yet to submit utilization certificates of the funds released to them in the past. EC directed that time bound notices should be sent to such NGOs to submit utilization certificates of the funds released to them in the past.

9. TO APPROVE MID-TERM EVALUATION EXERCISE OF BOARD'S SCHEMES BY HIRING SERVICES OF M/s. DATAMATION AND M/s. MPCON.

The Executive Committee directed to complete all mid-term evaluation work by 15th December,2009 with financial approval of Rs. 10.84 lakhs with the help of (i) Datamation Consultants Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi and (ii) Madhya Pradesh Consultancy Organization Ltd., (MPCON) Indore. The Committee directed to insert a clause for imposing penalty if agency fails to submit the report in given time frame.

10. TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGARDING CONTINUATION OF S.W.I.S. PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY FLIGHT INDIA, NAGPUR.

The EC was of view that as the matter is under investigation of CBI, no further grant should be released to Flight India, Nagpur. However, it was directed that the CWDB may take up the matter with the CBI regarding continuation/discontinuation of grant to the Agency as beneficiaries are not able to receive the benefits of the Project and take action accordingly.

11. TO NOTE FINAL REPORT ON CONCURRENT EVALUATION EXERCISE REGARDING I.W.I.D.P. SCHEME OF THE BOARD SUBMITTED BY W.R.A., THANE.

Dr. C.W. Acharya, Sr. Scientist, Wool Research Association, briefed the Committee about final report of Concurrent Evaluation Exercise of IWIDP of the Board and mentioned that the team was overall satisfied with implementation of the SWIS on the basis of findings of survey of implementing agencies and interaction with the beneficiaries etc. It was decided to circulate the final report to all the members of the EC on their e-mails by the CWDB. The Committee noted the final evaluation report on IWIDP.

12. APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF RS. 1,83,350/- TO J. & K. STATE SHEEP BOARD FOR PAYMENT OF V.A.T. CHARGES FOR PURCHASE OF WOOL DRYER PLANT.

The matter was discussed. It was noted that since the Board had already sanctioned the project of Rs. 7.55 lakh (with taxes extra) in favour of J&K Sheep Development Board, the action is to be taken by ED, CWDB only. EC has no role to play. The agenda item was accordingly withdrawn.

13. TO NOTE STATUS OF PENDING LEGAL CASES:

The Executive Committee noted the status of pending legal cases and directed ED to effectively monitor the cases and take all necessary steps.

14. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS :

(a) Financial assistance for organizing National Seminar by CSWRI (ICAR) at Jaipur :

Dr. D.B. Shakyawar, Sr. Scientist, CSWRI (ICAR) requested the Committee for financial assistance of Rs. One lakh from the CWDB for organizing national seminar on "Stress Management in Small Ruminant Production and Product Processing" at Jaipur during January 29-31, 2010 to be held by Indian Society for Sheep & Goat Production and Utilization (ISSGPU). The Committee approved Rs. One lakh to be released to ISSGPU, Avikanagar for organizing the seminar in collaboration with CSWRI, Avikanagar and CIRG, Makhdoom, Mathura during 2009-10 and directed them to invite the members of the EC and all implementing agencies under SWIS of CWDB.

(b) Rectification of breed under SWIS :

The Executive Director, CWDB informed that it has been pointed out by the project monitoring team of the CWDB during field visits under a few projects there are some anomalies in mentioning the type of breed of sheep. In such cases, the prevailing sheep breed in selected project area is different from the breed mentioned either in the proposal of the implementing agency or in the Sanction Order of the Board. Unless it is rectified, it will hamper the release of further funds to these agencies.

After detailed discussions, it was directed that the Board may get views/clarifications from the technical members of the Project Committee who

have recommended these projects. It was further directed that the ED, CWDB may clear the matter based on official records and prepare factual position in respect of such matters by 30th November so that implementation does not suffer and things are placed in right perspective.

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