

**MINUTES OF THE 32nd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
CENTRAL WOOL DEVELOPMENT BOARD HELD ON 03-03-2010.**

The 32nd meeting of the Executive Committee 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 3rd March 2010 at 12.00 Hours. Following members participated in the meeting:

1. Shri A.K. Khullar, Jt. Adviser (VSE), Planning Commission.
2. Mrs. Shanta Thampi, Dy. Secretary (IFW), MOT.
3. Shri V.P. Verma, Non-official member from H.P. State.
4. Dr. G.L. Lunia, Dy. Director - representative of Director, Animal Husbandry Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
5. Dr. D.B. Shakyawar, Sr. Scientist – representative of Director, CSWRI, Jaipur.
6. Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, WRA, Thane.
7. Shri K.K.Goyal Executive Director, CWDB, Jodhpur.

Shri K.K.Goyal, Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur welcomed the members and gave brief introduction and invited point-wise discussion on the agenda.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 31st MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 27th OCTOBER 2010 AT NEW DELHI**

As no comment was received, the minutes of the 31st meeting of the Executive Committee were confirmed.

2. **ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 31st MEETING OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD**

ED/ CWDB placed a statement showing action taken report on the decision of last EC meeting for perusal and discussion.

In regards to point no. 1, ED informed that as per the decision of last EC meeting, Board authorized Wool Research Association, Thane to conduct assessment of Common Facility Centre's under Quality Processing of Wool scheme and they have prepared the

report. The Chairman, EC invited Shri M.K. Bardhan, Director, WRA to explain the Committee about assessment being done .

Shri M.K. Bardhan WRA briefed the Committee about assessment and mentioned that overall working of centers is satisfactory. The Jt. Secretary, MOT and VC, CWDB directed the ED/ CWDB to put up the report in next meeting.

Regarding Points no. 6, Releasing of fund Within 15 days of submission of UC, VC expressed his displeasure as this is not being followed strictly, inspections are not being conducted timely by CWDB and the program implementation is suffering at the cost of intended beneficiaries. This has also resulted in poor utilization of funds.

Regarding the Point no. 8, “ Revision of Guidelines on Woolen Expo activity “ which were discussed in the last meetings were read out by ED/ CWDB in the meeting. Since all the members were not provided with copies, Chairman EC directed that ED must circulate it to all the members and let it be discussed in the next EC meeting which may be convened soon.

Regarding woolen Expo , Chairman stated that ED should have come prepared with a calendar of events and places where Woolen Expo are to be held this year so that these are approved by EC and there is sufficient time for preparation.

Regarding Point no. 11, mid term Evaluation work by Datamation Consultant Pvt. Ltd. the Conclusions and main recommendations of the report were read out by ED in the meeting. EC expected from ED to prepare on action taken report on the recommendations and put it up before the next EC meeting and also the Board.

3. TO APPRISE THE PROGRESS OF ANNUAL PLAN 2009-10 AND ITS PHYSICAL & FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The EC noted the statement regarding physical and financial achievement of activities of the Board. Chairman and all other member expressed their serious concern on the fact that financial year is near closure and about 50 % of the amount have not been spent by the Board. ED/ CWDB was reprimanded by Chairman over this sorry state of affairs and ED was directed to expedite the progress of utilization of funds. EC was

particularly concerned about the cases where Implementing agencies had submitted UCs but Board did not release the next installments. ED/ CWDB stated that in many cases nomination of member by Director Animal Husbandry/ Govt. of Rajasthan is not done timely and so inspections are delayed. The Chairman directed ED, CWDB to complete the examination of inspection reports of those agencies which have submitted UCs of the grant within 15 days and release the next installments without delay wherever the report is not very negative and necessary corrections could be made. EC also directed that in serious cases, appropriate action be taken and in no case the matter should be kept unattended for long.

4. TO APPRISE THE COMMITTEE ON THE PERFORMANCE OF ONGOING PROJECTS UNDER SWIS SCHEME.

ED, CWDB placed a statement showing performance of ongoing projects under SWIS scheme and explained that during monitoring the projects by Board officials, & authorized technical persons, it has been observed that some of the implementing Agencies have not implemented the project as per guidelines of the scheme. Inspection teams pointed out irregularities in project implementation also. The Board had already issued Show Cause Notice to Seven Implementing Agencies regarding the same. He further explained that the Board made provision of Rs. 616.00 lakhs for ongoing projects & Rs. 474.00 lakhs for new projects under SWIS by Annual Plan 2009-10, however the Board has utilized Rs. 176.75 lakhs only under ongoing projects & rest of Rs. 439.25 lakhs could not be released to various implementing agencies.

EC expressed concern on the State of affairs that no action was taken against NGO's where irregularities were found and the matter has been kept pending for such a long time. Such situation casts shadow on the sincerity and integrity of such inspections and also the concerned officers.

It was also directed by the EC that ED should prepare a standard list of documents and papers to be submitted by the applicants under various schemes and seek EC's approval on that in the next meeting. This is necessary in order to eliminate the cases

of personal discretion at the level of Board officers and make the whole process really transparent.

5. DISCUSSIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 11TH AND 12TH PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The ED/ CWDB placed recommendation of the 11th & 12th Project Committee meetings of the CWDB held on 12th January and 21st January, 2010 and explained that the Committee has discussed and recommended new project proposals under different schemes for taking up in the current financial year 2009-10.

Chairman and all other member expressed their serious displeasure over the way projects have been recommended by Project Committee. Project has been recommended with many conditions unfulfilled which have no meaning. Projects should have been brought to EC only after all the conditions have been fulfilled by the Implementing Agency. They also expressed dissatisfaction over his un-preparedness of EC, CWDB on the subject.

After detail discussion, the Executive Committee approved following project proposals subject to submission of relevant documents by concerned Agencies as per prescribed norms and guidelines of the scheme:

- (i) Name of scheme: **Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme:**

Rs. in lacs

SN	Name of implementing agency	Project area	Size of project	Total cost 2009-10 to 2011-12	Grant approved for the F/Y 2009-10
A	J&K Sheep & Sheep Products Development Board, Jammu	Jammu (1.00 lac sheep) & Kashmir (1.00 lac sheep)	2.00 lac sheep	348.00	176.00
B	Rajasthan Live Stock Development Board, Jaipur	Jodhpur (1.00 lac sheep) & Nagour (1.00 lac sheep)	2.00 lac sheep	238.00	126.00
C	Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, (CSWRI)	Kollar (karnataka) Kodai hills (T.N.)	0.50 lac sheep	54.00	20.50
D	Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, (CSWRI)	Strengthening of Ram Rearing farm at Mannvanur (T.N.)	1 farm	20.00	14.20
			Total:	660.00	340.70

(ii) Name of Scheme: **Angora Wool Development Programme**

Rs. in lacs				
S. No.	Name of agency from whom project proposal received	Name of Project	Total cost 2009-10 to 2011-12	Fund approved for f/y 2009-10
A	Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar :	''Strengthening Angora Rabbit Germplasm Centre'' (GPC)	17.00	17.00
B	Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar	Angora Rabbit rearing.	10.40	6.93
C	Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute,	R & D Projectfor angora rabbit breeding, health, nutrition & reproduction aspects.	20.00	2.72
		Total:	47.40	26.65

iii) Director WRA, with the approval of Chairman submitted a research proposal on the subject of Power Generation from Textile effluents for a cost of Rs. 21.00 Lakhs. EC after examination approved the same.

iv) EC also directed that all the research projects must cut on unproductive expenditure hence a 10% reduction shall be implemented in case of projects in para (ii) and (iii).

The committee deferred other proposals, however it was directed that the CWDB would collect requisite information from concerned Agencies and put up these proposals in the next meeting.

6. **DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (AUDIT) OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2006-07 & 2007-08 AND ITS COMPLIANCE.**

The ED, CWDB placed the Audit report of AG (Audits), Rajasthan regarding the Annual Accounts of the Central Wool Development Board for the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 along-with its Compliance Report. The Executive Committee noted the same with the observation that ED would ensure necessary corrective action

7. TO NOTE REPORT OF 'MID TERM EVALUATION EXERCISE' OF S.W.I.S. SCHEME CONDUCTED BY M/s. DATAMATION, DELHI.

The ED, CWDB placed the Findings, Recommendation and Conclusion of draft Mid Term Evaluation report regarding SWIS projects and explained that report reveals the success of the Scheme in the form of increase in wool production and its marketing, better health of sheep and mortality ratio reduced in the sheep flocks.

The Executive Committee noted the Findings of the Study, Recommendation of the Mid Term Evaluation report and directed ED to submit action taken report in the next meeting.

8. TO APPROVE "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.

The ED, CWDB explained that on the basis of observations made by the evaluating agency of SWIS Scheme, the Board has prepared note for Standing Finance Committee (SFC) for continuation of SWIS Scheme for rest of the period of 11th Five Year Plan. He further mentioned that the SFC note has been modified as directed by the Executive Committee in its last meeting.

9. POST FACTO APPROVAL FOR ORGANIZING 'WOOLLEN EXPO' AT KANPUR, JAISALMER & MANALI.

The Committee granted post facto approval for organizing 'Woollen Expo' at Kanpur, Jaisalmer & Manali.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.
