

**MINUTES OF 46th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
CENTRAL WOOL DEVELOPMENT BOARD HELD ON 20th
JANUARY, 2016 AT CSWRI, AVIKANAGAR (JAIPUR)**

The 46th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of Central Wool Development Board (CWDB) held on 20th January, 2016 at 2.30 p.m. at Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, (CSWRI) Avikanagar under the chairpersonship of Ms. Geeta Narayan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles & Vice Chairperson CWDB.

Following Executive Committee members were present in the meeting:

1. Dr. S.M.K. Naqvi, Director, Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, (CSWRI) Avikanagar, Teh. Malpura, Distt. Tonk, Via.: JAIPUR (Rajasthan)
2. Mrs. Suminder Kaur, Under Secretary (IFW), Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Shri A.P. Deshpande, Secretary General, Indian Woollen Mills Federation, 7th Floor, 5th New Marine Lines, Mumbai. 400 020
4. Mr. T.R. Rao, Advisor, Wool Research Association, Akbar Camp Road, Sandoz Baug, Kolshet Road, THANE (Mumbia)
5. Shri Giriraj Kumar Meena, Executive Director, CWDB, Jodhpur.

In Attendance :

1. Shri G. K. Rajnish, Under Secretary (Wool), Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Shri A.K. Shinde, Incharge, PME, CSWRI, Avikanagar.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Incharge, TMTC, CSWRI, Avikanagar.
4. Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, Mech. Engg. Deptt., Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT), Hauz Khas, New Delhi 110 016.
5. Mr. Davinder Pal Singh, Project Associate, IIT, New Delhi
6. Shri Anurag Purohit, Supervisor, CWDB, Jodhpur.

Dr. S.M.K. Naqvi, Director, CSWRI welcomed all participants at their Institute and expressed thanks to the Chairperson for holding the EC meeting at CSWRI, Avikanagar. Ms. Geeta Narayan, Joint Secretary (Wool) and the Chairperson also welcomed the participants and appreciated the role played by the Institute in research and development of sheep and wool in the country. After brief introduction of all the participants, she then asked the ED to commence the proceedings. Shri G.K. Meena, Executive Director, CWDB introduced the agenda items in seriatim followed by presentation on each point. The discussion and decisions on the agenda items are elaborated as under:

I. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting (45th) of Executive Committee held on 25th November, 2014 in New Delhi.

Since no comments were received from any member, the minutes of 45th meeting of the Executive Committee of the CWDB were confirmed unopposed.

II. Action taken report on the decisions of 45th meeting of the Executive Committee.

Actions taken with reference to the decisions of the 45th meeting were noted by the EC. However regarding the decisions relating to CFCs at Ludhiana and Kekri under Quality Processing of Wool scheme, the discussion emerged as follows :

(i) It was explained that during 11th Plan the Board had established 14 Common Facility Centers (CFC) for different processing facilities at different locations but out of them following two implementing agencies expressed their inabilities in running the respective CFCs any further. The details of these two CFCs are :-

(a) M/s. Monika Handloom Workshop Co-op. Industrial Society, Ludhiana : In FY 2007-08, the Board sanctioned one CFC for setting up wool combing & spinning unit for processing of scoured wool into wool tops and spinning of yarn at Ludhiana and released total grant of Rs. 45.57 lakhs for procurement of machineries.

(b) M/s. Bajaj Woollen Mills, Kekri, Ajmer (Raj.): In FY 2008-09, sanctioned this CFC for setting up of wool processing facilities for scouring, carding, spinning at Kekri, Ajmer with total grant of Rs. 47.17 lakhs for procurement of machineries only.

(ii) As per the agreement made with the agency while sanctioning the project, the Memorandum of Understanding stated that : “The CWDB with the consent of Ministry will be free to remove, dispose of the machineries/ equipments of the centre or enter into agreement with other party to ensure utilization of these equipments if the agency has not optimally utilized the same for meeting the objectives.

(iii) Project Committee recommendation : The existing machineries should be shifted to some other interested agencies which would be decided through open advertisement process.

(iv) After detailed discussion, the Executive Committee decided that a team comprising of a member each from CWDB, CSWRI and an expert (preferably from WRA) shall visit the two CFCs and submit a report on performance of installed machineries, comparative analysis of two CFCs vis-à-vis other CFCs, shifting cost, residual life of machineries, status of achievement regarding purpose of CFC, obligation on the agency, if any and suggest how to use Government fund in best manner as per terms and conditions of the scheme within six weeks.

3. DISCUSSION ON B.E. & R.E. OF FY 2015-16 AND PROGRESS MADE BY C.W.D.B. TILL DATE.

The ED, CWDB updated the members about the progress under implementation of Annual Plan 2015-16 of CWDB. The MOT has already released Rs. 15.92 crore to CWDB out of total allocation of Rs. 16.77 crore and Board has utilized Rs. 10.56 crore up to 15th Jan.,2016. He ensured that the Board would utilize entire allocated funds except Social Security Scheme for insurance of sheep and shepherds as it is in process of subsuming with the core schemes. It was proposed to re appropriate funds allocated under 'Integrated Wool Improvement & Development Programme' IWIDP for 2015-16 within the same allocated budget of Rs. 6.11 crore. More funds was proposed under 'Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme'(SWIS) to meet liabilities under ongoing projects which will be taken from HRD scheme as the Board is not organizing Woollen Expo under HRD & Promotional Activities.

The EC noted the BE/RE along with physical achievement under implementation of Annual Plan 2015-16 up to 15th January, 2016

4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PENDING PROJECT PROPOSALS AS RECOMMENDED BY 28TH MEETING OF THE PROJECT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD HELD ON 20TH NOV., 2015.

The 28th Project Committee meeting of the CWDB held on 20th November, 2015 at New Delhi has recommended some new project proposals to the Executive Committee for consideration and necessary approval. The EC after detailed discussion approved following proposals for implementation during remaining period of FY 2015-16 & FY 2016-17 :-

I. Scheme : Sheep & Wool Improvement Scheme (SWIS)

Name of Implementing Agency : H.P. State Wool Procurement & Marketing Fed. Ltd., Govt. of H.P., Shimla

A. To continue the project in remaining 2 years of project period

Component	Physical target	Financial grant for 2 nd year	Financial grant for 3 rd year	Executive Committee's Decision
a. Health Care	a. 4 lakh sheep @ Rs. 18/- sheep annually	72 lakhs	72 lakhs	Continue the project in remaining period of project period as per project proposal.
b. Overhead Expenses	b. 4 lakh sheep @ Rs. 18/- sheep	20 lakhs	20 lakhs	

B. To shift the location of Farm from approved Sarol (Chamba) to Tal (Hamirpur) or Ram Centre Nagwain (Mandi)

Component	Physical target	Grant Sanctioned	Proposed to shift site at	Executive Committee's Decision
Strengthening of Sheep Breeding Farm	One Farm in H.P. State (Chamba)	Rs. 20 lakhs	Tal (Hamirpur) or Ram Centre Nagwain (Mandi)	Approved shifting of location as per request of the Implementing Agency i.e. at Tal (Hamirpur).

II. Scheme: Human Resource Development & Promotional Activities

(Rs. in lakhs)

S N	Implementing Agencies	Activity	Unit/ Physical	Total project cost for 2015-16 & 2016-17	Executive Committee's Decision
1	Mechanical Engineering Department, IIT Delhi	R&D project entitled "Dissemination of the low cost sheep-hair shearing device developed by IIT, New Delhi"	Duration of one year – funds in 2 installments	32.94	Machine shearing increases the wool production per animal and enhances the wool quality but presently only costly imported shearing machines are available. Therefore, there was a need to develop an indigenous sheep shearing machines with low cost. IIT, Delhi has submitted a project proposal in this regard. Representatives of IIT, Delhi explained their R&D project during the meeting. EC approved the R&D project in principle up to the stage of development of the device prototype and its successful field

					testing in three States viz. Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and in Karnataka. IIT was, therefore asked to submit a break-up of the project cost accordingly.
2	LAHDC, Kargil	Short-term training programme for Pashmina growers under spinning, dyeing, manufacturing of woolen items.	10 farmers per batch and total 4 batches for 3 months total Rs. 57.00 lakhs	Rs. 12.54 lakh for only one training project	Kargil is also producing pashmina wool and sheep wool and for value addition to the pashmina wool\sheep wool in Kargil itself, LAHDC, Kargil submitted a proposal to provide training to 40 persons in manufacturing of woolen products. CWDB informed LAHDC, Kargil that the proposal would have to be modified as per the guidelines governing the existing scheme. LAHDC, Kargil submitted its consent to implement the training project in prescribed manner of approved HRD scheme of CWDB within the financial outlay of Rs. 12.54 lakhs. EC approved one Training Project with financial assistance of Rs. 12.54 lakhs.
3	Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Jaipur	“Short-term training courses on Woollen Products Manufacturing and Designing” of CSWRI for skill development of rural artisans	10 trainees per batch and total 4 batches for 3 months. Total Rs. 16.24 lakhs.	Rs. 12.54 lakh only as per prescribed norms of training project	The EC approved Short-term training project with prescribed financial provision of Rs. 12.54 lakhs. Out of 4 batches 1 batch training will be conducted in FY 2015-16 and rest of 3 batches will be conducted in FY-2016-17. It was also agreed with the suggestion of CSWRI to set up a central processing facility of the tools to be distributed under the project to self-help groups (SHG) in place of individual trainees within the financial ceiling of project component.
4	CSWRI, Avikanagar-Jaipur	Wool Fair/Mela at CSWRI, Avikanagar-Jaipur	to invite about 1800 farmers & 500 students	5.00	CSWRI organizes every year an annual wool fair/mela under which many sheep breeders from different states, scientists participates. Wool fair\Mela is useful in dissemination of technology developed by CSWRI in sheep and wool sector. The EC approved Wool Fair with financial assistance maximum up to Rs. 5 lakhs. Against this financial

					support, IA will submit the details about each expenditure along with Utilization Certificate.
5	CSWRI, Avikanagar-Jaipur	Short-term training programme on “Hands-on-training on Oestrus Synchronisation and Artificial Insemination in Sheep”		5.18	CSWRI has developed a technique of Artificial Insemination in sheep. Breed improvement and wool production can be increased by using this technique in the wool producing states. The EC approved AI Training project with financial assistance of maximum upto Rs. 5.18 lakhs. Against this financial support, IA will submit the details about each expenditures along with Utilization Certificate and list of trained persons.
6	CSWRI, Avikanagar-Jaipur	Five day training programme on “Knowledge and skill development of farmers in sheep and wool production” of CSWRI	25 farmers each in 6 training batches – total 150 farmers	8.70 (@ Rs. 1,45,025 per batch – 6 batches)	There is a need to disseminate the latest sheep rearing techniques to the sheep breeders for enhancing their income and CSWRI submitted a proposal in this regard. The EC approved five days residential training programme with financial assistance of Rs. 8.70 lakhs for conducting 6 batches in FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 to expose this available technique in all States. Against this financial support, CSWRI will submit the details about each expenditure along with Utilization Certificate and list of trainees/Veterinary officers.
7	Karnataka Sheep & Wool Development Corp., Bangalore	Four days training Programme in Sheep Production and Management to train 480 shepherds of Karnataka State	To train 40 shepherds per batch – total 12 batches	5.88 (@ Rs. 0.49 lakh per batch)	Karnataka State has developed infrastructure to provide training to sheep breeders in their State so that there is no need to send their people to Central Sheep Breeding Farm, Hissar for the training in sheep rearing. The EC approved four days residential training programme with financial assistance of Rs. 5.88 lakhs. 3 batches will be conducted in FY 2015-16 and rest of 9 batches will be conducted in FY 2016-17 in Karnataka. Against this financial support, IA will

					submit the details about each expenditure along with Utilization Certificate and list of trainees.
8	LAHDC, Leh	Pashmina Wool Development Scheme (PWDS) – To benefit 100 more families, Dehairing Plant and two Centres.	Expansion of PWDS in Leh areas.	500 (under different components of PWDS)	In the approved 12 th plan SFC for wool sector under PWDS there was a component of Establishment of Multipurpose Extension Centers (MPEC) but later on in another SFC it was approved to re appropriate the funds earmarked under the components in the other existing components of PWDS. As per approved 12 th Plan Scheme for Pashmina wool, the EC approved proposal of LAHDC, Leh of total Rs. 500 lakhs. It included additional assistance of Rs. 380 lakhs for Pashmina Dehairing Plant, Rs. 25 lakh for Fodder, Rs. 25 lakh for Breeding Farms, Rs. 55 lakhs for Goat pens & Rs. 15 lakhs for tents under existing/ approved project. This amount would be utilized in FY- 2015-16 and 2016-17 as per availability of funds and demand of the IA.

5. TO REVISE COSTS OF TWO R&D PROJECTS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY WOOL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, THANE

After detail discussion, EC approved revised cost of both two ongoing R&D projects of Wool Research Association excluding salary component for the remaining period of the project duration as well as continuation of project during 12th Plan period, as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

R&D Project proposal for	Project Cost – Original (for 2 years)	Fund under Salary (Original)	Expenditure made by WRA	Revised Cost	Funds already released to WRA (in 2014)	Remaining grant – BE 2015-16
A. Design & Development of Indian wool based smart textiles	52.75 (1 st year salary)	15.48	9.56 (1 st year salary)	35.87 (2 nd)	17.88	17.99 (2 nd year salary)

having thermoregulatory properties using phase change material (PCM).	7.20)		7.20)	year salary Nil)		Nil)
B. Use of Indian wool in development of technical textiles like nonwoven mesh for moisture management, filtration fabrics, wipe, insulating mats, roof-lines, sport shoe liner etc.	47.14 (1 st year salary 9.60)	20.64	12.54 (1 st year salary 9.60)	37.85 (2 nd year salary Nil)	12.04	25.81 (2 nd year salary Nil)

6. TO NOTE PROGRESS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF PASHMINA WOOL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (PWDS) AND PASHMINA PROMOTION PROGRAMME (P-3).

EC noted the progress under implementation of PWDS as well as P-3.

7. CONTINUATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME (SSS) - SHEEP BREEDERS INSURANCE SCHEME OF CWDB IMPLEMENTED BY VARIOUS STATE GOVTs. ORGANIZATIONS.

ED, CWDB informed that LIC has reported excess utilization of Rs. 46.52 lakhs in 2014-15. As the issue of convergence of the SSS was under consideration in the Ministry, CWDB was asked to stop further payment to LIC in September 2015. Later, LIC sincerely regretted the error and wrong reporting for excess utilization. Thereafter in November, 2015, LIC has shown unutilized available amount of Rs 34,81,930/-. In December 2015, LIC has shown utilization of Rs.24,83,750/- for further insurance of 9935 shepherds @ Rs. 250/- up to 31-10-2015.

It was informed that earlier the grant was stopped for further insurance due to budget constraints. In this context, the EC decided that CWDB should seek explanation from LIC that why they went ahead full throttle with the insurance when CWDB informed to stop the insurance in view of convergence of the scheme. EC decided not to spend the funds further under the scheme and LIC may be asked to refund the unspent amount lying with them. It was also decided to carry out the CAG audit of the fund utilized by LIC during 12th plan.

8. REIMBURSEMENT OF RS. 24,65,740 TO NATIONAL SMALL INDUSTRIES CORP. LTD, (NSIC), NEW DELHI FOR PARTICIPATION IN WOOLLEN EXPO (TECHMART INDIA-2014) AT PRAGATI MAIDAN, NEW DELHI DURING 14-27 NOV.,2015.

It was explained by CWDB that as per the approved 12th Plan HRD & Promotional Activity scheme and guidelines in which component of Woollen Expo are being organized and having provision for 'the hiring charges per stall is Rs. 14,000/- but in some reputed exhibitions, higher stall charges may also be sanctioned with prior approval of the Executive Committee of the CWDB'. EC has been approving these kind of Expos in the past and the then ED, CWDB approved the participation in the Expos keeping in view the approval of Expo in the past. Ministry has also conveyed the approval of ex-post-facto of total Rs. 30.68 lakhs for reimbursement under 3 Expos organized in 2014-15.

EC took note of the fact that Implementing Agency viz. National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) is a Govt. organization.

The EC decided to recommend ex-post- facto approval of the expo to MOT in view of past practices, and significance (well established International Annual Event at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi) of the fair.

EC also directed that in future, proposal for participation in any exhibition/ fair by CWDB would be approved only after the same has been scrutinized by the Executive Committee.

9. DISCUSSION ON CONTINUATION OF S.W.I.S. PROJECT IN 3RD YEAR PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY LAHDC, LEH

EC deferred the proposal to continue in next year and directed to seek undertaking that implementing agency is not getting any grant from any State/Central Govt. agency for same purpose to avoid any duplicity.

10. Other Items :

Mr. T.R. Rao, Advisor, WRA also requested for lifting of moratorium on utilization of released fund under up-gradation of three laboratories sanctioned by CWDB. It was felt that it might be worthwhile to complete the up-gradation of Labs. He also mentioned about Audit objection raised for lying of unspent funds for procurement of remaining equipments.

As the matter is under consideration of MOT, the Jt. Secretary, MOT instructed the Under Secretary (IFW), MOT to expedite the processing in the matter.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.