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Government of Tripura  
FOREST DEPARTMENT  
INDO-GERMAN DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION PROJECT (CREFLAT)  
GANDHIGRAM, AGARTALA

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 20

**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting of the Natural Resource Management Society, Tripura  
(NRMST) held on 18/12/2020**

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Governing Body (GB) of the Natural Resource Management Society, Tripura (NRMST) was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at Conference hall No. 3 of the New Secretariat, Capital Complex under the chairmanship of Shri B.K. Sahu, Chairman, NRMST (Principal Secretary, Forest, Government of Tripura). The meeting was held with participation of the following officials/members:

1.	Shri B. K. Sahu, Principal Secretary, Forests	Chairman, NRMST
2.	Dr. D. K. Sharma, PCCF & HoFF and Chief Wildlife Warden	Member
3.	Smt. Tanushree Debbarma, Secretary Tribal Welfare	Member
4.	Shri A. Roy, Secretary Planning/ Finance	Member
5.	Shri Vikas Singh, Addl. Secretary RD Department	Member (Representing Secretary RD Department)
6.	Shri Subhash ChandraDebnath, Addl. Director, Industries and Commerce	Member (Representing Secretary, Industries & Commerce)
7.	Shri Biswajit Das, Fishery Officer	Member (Representing Secretary, Fisheries)
8.	Shri ChittaRanjanDebbarma, PO (Forests), TTAADC	Member (Representing CEO, TTAADC)
9.	Shri Sushanta Dutta, Deputy Secretary, PWD	Member (Representing Chief Engineer PWD (R & B))
10.	Shri Gautam Chowdhury, DPO (N)	Member (Representing DM North Tripura)
11.	Shri B. S. Mishra, CEO & PD, IGDC CREFLAT Project	Member Secretary

The Governing body of NRMST granted leave of absence to the following members of the Governing body for its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1.	Secretary, Health and Family Welfare	Member
2.	Secretary, Animal Resource Development Department	Member
3.	District Magistrate and Collector, Dhalai	Member

At the outset, the Chairman NRMST welcomed all the Hon'ble Members in the meeting and requested Member- Secretary of NRMST to deliberate on the agenda. The Member-Secretary made a Power-point presentation on the agenda. Detailed discussions were made and decisions were taken as follows:

**1. Confirmation of minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting**

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting of NRMST were confirmed.

**2. Action Taken Report on the 7<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting held on 28/12/2016**

The GB members noted the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 7<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting of NRMST.

**3. Approval of Audit Report of 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20**

Audit Reports of NRMST for the year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 were approved by the Governing Body. Further, the Governing Body authorized the Chairman, NRMST to engage a new Auditor for conducting the audit of NRMST for the year 2020-21.

**4. Information about closure of Indo- German Development Cooperation (IGDC) Project**

It was informed to the members of Governing Body that IGDC – I (Participatory Natural Resource Management) Project came to a close post 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. An amount of Rs. 2,65,72,066/- (two crore sixty five lakh seventy thousand and sixty six), lying in the bank account of the project, has already been deposited in the Treasury of Government of Tripura, keeping Rs 1000/- (one thousand) only in the account, as per advice of Finance Department.

In Rupee terms, an expenditure of Rs 86.52 crore was incurred under IGDC-I project, out of which Rs 76.14 crore was spent under German share. In Euro terms, the German commitment was Euro 12 Million of which Euro 11,708,325.19 was disbursed. An amount of Euro 291,674.81 remained un-utilised.

The Members of GB noted the matter of closing of IGDC – I Project.

**5. Overview of new IGDC Project**

Overview of new IGDC Project namely, Climate Resilient Forest Landscapes of Tripura (CREFLAT) was presented for information of the Members highlighting following salient features of the Project :

- Project duration: 84 months; Launched on : 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020
- Location : All 8 Blocks of Dhalai and 3 Blocks of N.Tripura : Total 191 villages
- Amount : Euro 33.2 M (KfW share : Eur 24 M of which Eur 1 M is grant)
- 5 Project Components to be taken up in 4 phases : Inception Phase (1<sup>st</sup> year); Planning Phase (2<sup>nd</sup> year); Implementation phase (3<sup>rd</sup> year to 6<sup>th</sup> year); Exit phase (7<sup>th</sup> year)
- Implementing organization : PMA (Project Management Authority) at Agartala for State level and DPMA (District Project Management Authority) at Ambassa and Dharmanagar for Dhalai and N.Tripura District respectively.
- About 5 lakh people are expected to derive direct/indirect benefits

**6. Seeking approval of GB to implement new IGDC project (CREFLAT) through existing Society NRMST:**

It was informed that as per minutes of meeting held between KfW and State Government during the period from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, it was agreed that the new



project will be implemented through NRMST. The members discussed the issue that creation of a new society would unduly delay the implementation of the project. Further, it was informed to the members that there was no liability of the previous project and no known court case.

The proposal, to implement the new IGDC Project (CREFLAT) through the existing Society NRMST, was approved by the Governing Body.

#### 7. Modification required in the existing Society NRMST

It was informed to the members that certain modifications are needed in the Project Management Authority (PMA), District Project Management Authority (DPMA) and District Project Governance Board (DPGB) of NRMST as given below :

##### A. PMA of NRMST at Agartala :

1	CEO &Project Director	Deputed by Govt of Tripura
2	Additional Project Director	Deputed by Govt of Tripura
3	Senior Finance Officer(DDO)	Deputed by Govt of Tripura
4	Project Implementation Officer	Contractual staff
5	TO,Studies & Capacity building	Contractual staff
6	TO, Communication & Information Management	Contractual staff
7	TO, Non Timber Forest Produce	Contractual staff
8	TO, Marketing &Business Development	Contractual staff
9	TO, Forest-based Livelihoods	Contractual staff
10	Administrative Officer	Contractual staff
11	Accounts Officer	Contractual staff

##### B. DPMA for Dhalai at Ambassa and DPMA for North Tripura at Dharmanagar:

1	District Project Director	DFO (From Forest Dept)
2	Additional District Project Director	SDFO/ACF(From Forest Dept)
3	District Project Officer	Deputed from TW dept
4	District Project Officer	Deputed from TTAADC
5	BDO (50% of time)	Part time
6	Range Officer (50% of time)	From Forest Dept
7	TO Safeguard	Contractual staff

8	TO Rural Development	Contractual staff
9	TO Horti-Forestry	Contractual staff
10	TO Bio-diversity	Contractual staff
11	TO Value chain development	Contractual staff
12	Technical Assistants	Contractual staff
13	Accountant	Contractual staff
14	Administrative Officer	Contractual staff

C. DPGB (District Project Governance Board) for Dhalai and North Tripura district would be as under :-

1	DM & Collector(Dhalai/North Tripura)	Chairman
2	Zonal Development Officer(TTAADC)	Member
3	District Tribal Welfare Officer	Member
4	Deputy Director, Fishery	Member
5	Deputy Director, Agriculture	Member
6	Deputy Director, Horticulture	Member
7	SDFOs( respective Forest Sub-divisions)	Member
8	General Manager/Jt. Director, Industries	Member
9	Representative of VCs (rotational basis): 1 from each Block, nominated by the Chairman for a financial year	Member
10	District Project Director	Member Secretary

The GB approved the above proposal

#### 8. Establishment of PMA and DPMA

It was informed to the Members that Forest Department has allotted space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Tripura Forest Academy, Gandhigram for setting up of PMA. Accordingly, PMA of CREFLAT project is proposed to be established at Gandhigram after certain minor renovation/maintenance. There is need for conference/training hall and chambers for CTA/ACTA and other consultants for which space has to be arranged in the vicinity. It was also informed that DPMA Dhalai will function from the existing building at Ambassa which was constructed during IGDC-I Project and the DPMA North is proposed to be established on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of DFO Office, North Tripura after carrying out certain renovations.

The GB approved the above proposal.



**9. Staffing for new project**

It was informed that Finance Department has concurred the proposal of IGDC - II Project (CREFLAT) for outsourcing of 256 project staff. As suggested by the Finance Department, a request was made to the Forest Department for deputing staff to the Project. Accordingly, Forest Department has already posted 4 staff to the PMA. The remaining project staff may be outsourced through the shortlisted Agency of Directorate of Employment Service and Manpower Planning. Since it would take some time, it was proposed that some staff may be engaged through SoFED (Society for Entrepreneurship Development), which is a Government organization of Tripura, to kick- start the project works.

Further, it was informed that in view of project's emphasis on development of waterbodies, it was proposed to allow engagement of 1(one) Technical Officer for Fishery, making adjustment from the approved Technical Officers so that there is no additional financial implication of such engagement. It would be subject to approval of KfW.

The Governing Body approved the proposal.

**10. Modification required in the Operation Manual for new IGDC Project (CREFLAT)**

It was proposed to allow to take up the work for CREFLAT project following Operation Manual of IGDC –I Project till new Operation Manual is prepared/adopted for the new project after engagement of technical consultant.

The proposal was approved by the Governing Body.

**11. Approval of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of new Project for 2020-2021**

APO for the year 2020-21 for Rs. 500 Lakh was placed before the Governing body for execution during 2020-21. (Annexure - B)

The proposal was approved by the Governing Body.

**12. Intimation regarding status of engagement of Technical Consultant**

It was informed to the GB members that a team of Technical Consultants will provide technical support to the project. Tender was called for engagement of Technical consultants. Evaluation of the technical bids of 3 eligible bidders is in process. Contract will be awarded after getting approval of the Government of Tripura. It was informed that Technical Consultants are expected to join by March, 2021.

The members of GB noted the information.

**13. Approval of Accounts Code for new IGDC (CREFLAT) Project**

Draft Accounts code (enclosed as Annexure – A) for new IGDC Project (CREFLAT) was placed before the members of Governing Body for approval.

The Governing Body approved the draft Accounts Code.

**14. Information regarding proposal to exempt NRMST from payment of Income Tax**


It was informed that a proposal will be initiated to Income Tax Department to exempt NRMST from payment of income tax as NRMST is a non -profit earning society, duly notified in the State Gazette.

This was for information of the Governing Body.

**15. Any other issue with permission of the chair**

The suggestion of an honourable member to share the list of beneficiaries of the CREFLAT project with Tribal Welfare Department was considered by the Governing Body and it was decided to share the details of beneficiaries in due course of implementation of the project.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

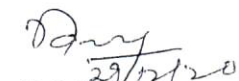
  
(Barun Kumar Sahu)  
Chairman, NRMST  
Principal Secretary, Forest

Copy to all Members of the Governing Body, NRMST:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura
2. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Tripura
3. The Secretary, Planning Dept, Govt. of Tripura
4. The Secretary, Finance Dept, Govt. of Tripura
5. The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Dept, Govt. of Tripura
6. The Secretary, Fisheries Dept, Govt. of Tripura
7. The Secretary, Industries & Commerce Dept, Govt. of Tripura
8. The Secretary, Rural Development Dept, Govt. of Tripura
9. The Secretary, Animal Resource Development Dept, Govt. of Tripura
10. The Secretary, Dept of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Tripura
11. The Chief Executive Officer, TTAADC, Khumlung
12. The Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Tripura
13. The District Magistrate & Collector, Dhalai/ North Tripura.

Copy also forwarded to:

1. PS to Chairman, NRMST (Principal Secretary, Forest, Govt. of Tripura) for kind information of the Chairman, NRMST (Principal Secretary, Forest, Govt. of Tripura) .
2. District Project Director, DPMA, IGDC Project, Ambassa/ Dharmanagar.
3. Ms Sangeeta Agarwal, KfW, New Delhi .
4. Senior Forestry Expert, KfW, Germany.

  
(B.S. Mishra)  
Member Secretary, GB NRMST  
CEO & Project Director