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Office of the Chief Executive Officer & Project Director
IGDC CREFLAT PROJECT
Gandhigram, West Tripura-799012

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**Minutes of the 11th Governing Body (GB) Meeting of the Natural Resource Management
Society, Tripura (NRMST), held on 25/01/2024**

The 11th meeting of Governing Body of the NRMST was held on 25/01/2024 in the Conference Hall of Prakriti Bhawan under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. M. Kanfade, IFS, Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of Tripura (Chairman, NRMST). The following members of Governing Body attended in the meeting:

1	Dr. A. M. Kanfade IFS, PCCF & HoFF, Forests Department, Government of Tripura	Member
2	Shri R. K. Samal, IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden	Member
3	Dr. N. K. Chanchal IFS, Director, ARDD representing Secretary, ARDD	Member
4	Dr. Manabendra Reang, Health Department representing Secretary, Health & Family Welfare	Member
5	Shri Sandeep Debbarma, Deputy Collector representing DM, North	Member
6	Shri Naresh Jamatia, Principal Officer (Forests) representing CEO, TTAADC	Member
7	Shri Prabir Debbarma, DWO, Dhalai representing DM, Dhalai	Member
8	Shri Parimal Majumder, Joint Director, Tribal Welfare representing Secretary, Tribal Welfare	Member
9	Er. Manoranjan Debbarma, SE PWD representing Chief Engineer, PWD(R&B)	Member

10	Shri Gopal Sherpa, Joint Director, Fisheries representing Secretary, Fisheries	Member
11	Shri. Dinesh Debbarma, Under Secretary, representing Secretary, Finance Department	Member
12	Shri C.L. Das, IFS, CEO & PD, IGDC CREFLAT Project	Member-Secretary

The following invited members also attended the meeting:

1. Shri Amit Debbarma IFS, DPD, Dhalai
2. Shri Vignesh H IFS, DPD, North Tripura
3. Dr. Vincent Darlong, DCTA, M/S GOPA

At the outset the Chairman NRMST welcomed the members present in the meeting.

The Member Secretary after giving an overview of the project, made a power point presentation on the agenda as communicated in the meeting notice. After detail deliberation, following decisions were taken:

i. Agenda 1

Confirmation of the minutes of 10th GB meeting of NRMST

The minutes of the 10th GB meeting circulated via H/8.4.3/DC/CREFLAT/2021/1924-940 dated 26.12.2022 were confirmed. The Chairman enquired about the frequency of holding Governing Body (GB)/ Executive Body (EB) meeting. The CEO & PD explained the provision of holding meeting of GB/EB. CEO & PD also explained in detail about the members of EB. The EB and GB meetings should be held as per schedule.

ii. Agenda 2

ATR on the 10th GB meeting held on 20.12.2022

The members noted the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 10th GB meeting of the NRMST. The CEO & PD, CREFLAT project informed that KfW did not reimburse the expenditure incurred for creation of plantation as the same was raised without preparation of Village Development Plan (VDP).

iii. Agenda 3

Achievement of IGDC CREFLAT Project made till December 2023



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The achievements of IGDC CREFLAT Project since inception till date was presented. It was explained that no plantation had been undertaken in 2023-24 as no approved VDP was available during planting period.

The Chairman enquired about the total plantation target of the project. It was clarified by CEO & PD that as against target of 11000 Ha area, 2040 Ha plantation has been raised. It was decided in the meeting that the entire plantation target of CREFLAT project should be completed in next 3 years and target for each year plantation should be decided accordingly. The CEO & PD also told during the presentation that no reimbursement has been received for the 20 check dams constructed as the same was constructed without approved VDP.

The Chairman wanted to know in detail about the reimbursement received and expenditure incurred so far. The CEO & PD informed the members that the total expenditure till date was INR 17.62 crores while reimbursement claim received was Rs.5.58 crores. The detail of the procurement of 4 wheelers of different categories was also informed to the members. The CEO & PD (Member Secretary) informed that out of targeted 55 villages, VDPIC in 46 villages have been constituted and 15 VDPs have already been prepared. He also informed that Final report of Base line survey has been received and the same is under scrutiny. It was further informed to the members that 9 drivers and two Technical Officers provided by SoFED have joined in their duties.

iv. Agenda 4

Approval of Audit Report of NRMST for the FY 2022-23

Audit report of NRMST for the FY 2022-23 was placed for perusal and approval of GB. The GB approved the report.

v. Agenda 5

Annual plan of operation for the FY 2024-25

The APO prepared for Rs 45.24 Cr was placed before the GB for approval. The said APO was approved with the direction that budget should be increased in the Mid-term review to make more expenditure so that financial target of the project can be

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achieved in time. It was also directed that plan for completion of construction of all the remaining FFPCs may be taken up.

vi. **Agenda 6**

Finance concurrence of project staff

It was informed to the GB that Finance Department has allowed the 256 staff of IGDC CREFLAT Project to continue up-to 05-10-2024. Since service of the staff is required till end of the project, it was informed that a proposal has been moved to the Finance Department to allow all the 256 staff to continue in the project till the end of the project period i.e. December, 2027. Action taken has been approved by GB.

vii. **Agenda 7**

Recruitment of VCW

The members of GB were informed that SoFED was requested to outsource 39 VCWs about 6 months back but they have not deployed the VCWs as yet which is hampering the project work.

It was decided in the 9th GB Meeting of the NRMST that in order to have quality staffing in CREFLAT project, contractual engagement/staffing may be done by

- a. Contractual engagement on merit through test/interview directly
- b. Engagement through SoFED on outsourcing basis
- c. Engagement through GeM service provider on outsourcing basis

CEO & PD informed that none of the above options can be applied now as option 'a' cannot be implemented in view of present directives of the Govt., SoFED has failed to provide VCW and KfW does not entertain GeM.

It was informed that a separate file has been moved to Finance Department, Govt of Tripura to allow IGDC CREFLAT Project to engage VCW through JFMC of the concerned villages as per procedure following JICA/SCATFORM Project for engagement of Field Facilitator (FF). Action taken was duly approved by the GB. It was also approved that if SoFED provides 39 VCWs as per proposal sent to SoFED, the same may be accepted.

viii. Agenda 8**No-Objection of project documents from KfW**

The members of the GB were informed about the no objection obtained from KfW for the 7 documents as listed in the agenda.

ix. Agenda 9**Finalization of number of villages**

The CEO & PD informed the members of GB that although initially the project was supposed to be implemented in 191 villages of 11 Rural Developmental Blocks under Dhalai and North Tripura District, but now as per separate agreement, matter has been further reviewed following "No objected" guideline on Pathways to Landscape based VDP and the number of villages has been reduced to 129 which has been No Objected by KfW and also approved by Govt. of Tripura.

Agenda 10**Revised Budget of the project**

It was informed to the GB that the existing Budget sheet was based on feasibility study which KfW did not approve for implementation. As per direction of KfW, budget has been revised for 129 villages accommodating new activities as per separate agreement and also requirement of KfW which were not there in the old budget.

The Chairman wanted to know about the inflation of rates which was not highlighted in the budget sheet. CEO & PD told that matter will be taken up with the KfW. However, GB approved the budget with condition that inflation of rate over the period of time should be accommodated in the budget with consent of KfW.

It was approved by the GB that VCWs who have been drawing remuneration @ Rs. 8400.00 per month should be paid remuneration @ Rs 12000/- per month commencing from January, 2024 keeping conformity with the budget provision meant for VCW as other staff are getting remuneration as per rate mentioned in the budget.

x. Agenda 11

It was highlighted by Dr Vincent Darlong, DCTA, M/S GOPA that staff engaged by Visual Securas are getting less salary. The Chairman and one member suggested that if the case is like this new tender may be called for recruiting the staff engaged by Visual Securas Ltd.


[Dr. A. M. Kanfode, IFS]

Principal Secretary, Forests
Chairman, Governing Body, NRMST

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5. The Secretary, Tribal Welfare, Govt of Tripura
6. The Secretary, Fisheries, Govt of Tripura
7. The Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Govt of Tripura
8. The Secretary, Rural Development, Govt of Tripura
9. The Secretary, Animal Resource Development, Govt of Tripura
10. The Secretary, Health and 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 District
14. The DPD, Dhalai District, Ambassa and North Tripura District, Dharmanagar.

Copy also forwarded to:

1. PPS to The Principal Secretary, Department of Forests (Chairman, NRMST) for kind information of the Principal Secretary, Govt. of Tripura


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