

Minutes of 6th Meeting of State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) of WB State CAMPA on 29.12.2017 at Chief Secretary's Conference Room, 13th Floor, Nabanna, Kolkata

The following members were present during the meeting:-

1. Sri Malay Kumar De, The Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal - Chairperson
2. Sri H.K. Dwivedi, The Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt. of West Bengal - Member
3. Sri Chandan Sinha, The Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal - Member
4. Sri N.K. Pandey, The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, W.B. - Member
5. Sri R.K. Dey, The Addl. PCCF, Central, REC, MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar - Member
6. Sri Dipankar Bhattacharya, Sealdah Training Society for Medical Research - Member
7. Swami Suvokananda (Shantanu Maharaj), Ramkrishna Math & Ramkrishna Mission, Belur Math - Member
8. Sri Niraj Singhal, Addl PCCF, CAMPA & Nodal Officer, FCA, W.B. - Member Secretary,

The Member Secretary initiated the proceedings of the meeting by welcoming the Chairperson and all members of State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) of WB State CAMPA. He gave a presentation outlining the history and functions of CAMPA, Status of receipts of funds & expenditure since 2009-10 as advised by the Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, and thereafter placed the agenda items for discussions. After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5th Steering Committee Meeting

As no feedback was received in respect of the minutes of the 5th State Level Steering Committee meeting from any member after circulation, the minutes were confirmed and approved.

2. Action taken Report on resolutions of the 5th Steering Committee Meeting

Action taken report (enclosed herewith) was placed and approved.

3. Approval of Audited Annual Accounts of 2015-16 and 2016-17

The Annual Accounts of West Bengal State CAMPA for 2015-16 and 2016-17 have been prepared under the supervision of the Cost Accountant firm and have been audited by R. Sonthalia & Company, Chartered Accountants. The Statutory audit reports & balance Sheets for two years, after being approved by the Executive Committee, were placed for perusal, discussion and approval; and the SLSC approved the same.

4. Approval of Annual Plan of Operations for 2018-19

The Annual Plan of Operations for 2018-19, prepared on the basis of discussions and suggestions received from the Executive Committee members was placed for perusal. The Chairperson asked the Member Secretary to describe the type of activities being taken up in the current financial year. As the funds received during 2016-17 were being utilised in 2017-18, it was allowed to merge the APOs of 2017-18 and 2018-19. Thereafter, the entire proposed APO of Rs. 2310.00 Lakh was approved for submission to MoEF&CC, Govt. of India for release of funds.

5. Approval of the Annual Reports of 2015-16 and 2016-17.

The Annual Report of West Bengal State CAMPA for 2015-16 and 2016-17 was approved.

6. Approval of School Nursery Yojana Scheme by SLSC

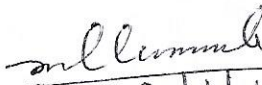
A scheme of Rs. 61.25 Lakh under School Nursery Yojana for establishment of nurseries in 245 schools @ 25000/- per school was placed as it is mandatory that this scheme is recommended by the Steering

Committee before it is sent by the State to National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC) for approval. This scheme is not a part of State CAMPA's Annual Plan of Operations. NCAC will be approached to release the fund for the scheme from their corpus, and the funds released by NCAC will be deposited in the West Bengal State CAMPA accounts. The SLSC approved the scheme of Rs. 61.25 lakh.

7. Utilisation of accrued bank interest amount lying with WB CAMPA

The Principal Secretary, Department of Forests proposed that a major portion of the accrued bank interest amount lying with WB CAMPA, which was about Rs. 3.07 crore as on 31.03.2017 as per audited accounts, may be utilised for supplying LPG connection to forest villagers and also to the people who are living in the forest areas and were given rights/pattas under FRA, 2006. It would help in reducing the biotic pressure on the forests. The proposal was accepted.

The meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chairperson.


2/11/18
(Malay Kumari De)
Chief Secretary, West Bengal
&
Chairperson