Minutes of the Advisory Management Committee (AMC) Meeting of the Regional Centre, National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board, (Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India), Jadavpur University, Kolkata - 700 032

Date: 11th April 2013

Venue: Committee Room No. II, Aurobindo Bhawan, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Members Present in the meeting:

- 1. Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
- 2. Prof. S. Datta, Pro Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
- 3. Shri Ujjwal Bhattacharya, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Gen.), Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
- 4. Shri Pradeep Vyas, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL), Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
- 5. Shri B.C. Naik. IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (JFM), Department of Forests, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
- 6. Smt. Anita Karn, IFS, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- 7. Shri Arvind Kumar, SFS, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests, Govt. of Jharkhand, Dhanbad.
- 8. Shri B.N. Sarbadhikary, SFS, Camp Officer, Department of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Kolkata.
- 9. Prof. (Dr.) Asis Mazumdar, Coordinator, Regional Centre, NAEB, Jadavpur University, MoEF, Gol, Kolkata.

The 2nd Advisory Management Committee (AMC) Meeting of the Regional Centre, NAEB, Jadavpur University, for the year 2012-13, was held in the Committee Room No. II, Aurobindo Bhawan (Administrative Building), 1st floor, within the Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata, on 11th April 2013 at 11.00 am as scheduled. Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, presided over the meeting. Prof S. Datta, Pro Vice Chancellor, JU, Kolkata, were amongst the distinguished guests present in the meeting which included Shri Ujjwal Bhattacharya, IFS, PCCF (General) and Shri Pradeep Vyas, IFS, Additional PCCF (WL), Govt. of WB, Kolkata, Ms. Anita Karan, IFS, AIGF, NAEB (MoEF), Gol, New Delhi, Shri B. C. Naik, IFS, CCF (JFM), Patna, Bihar, Shri Arvind Kumar, SFS, ACF, Dhanbad Forest Division, Jharkhand, Shri B.N. Sarbadhikary, SFS, Camp Officer, A & N Islands, at Kolkata.

Prof. S. Bhattacharyya, VC, Jadavpur University took the chair and requested for self introduction of the distinguished guests and participants. Prof. (Dr). Asis Mazumdar, Coordinator, welcomed the guests and thanked them for their participation. He specially thanked Prof. S. Bhattacharyya for culling out valuable time from his busy schedule to chair the meeting. Thereafter Prof. Bhattacharyya initiated the proceedings by referring to the resolutions of the last AMC meeting which was summarily passed by the members. Sri U. Bhattacharya enquired about the outcome regarding establishment of ENNIS Centre and it was

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informed that fresh proposal in the matter is required to be submitted in a new format and the matter is being actively pursued. He also commented that the Regional Centre has undertaken a good number of important and useful studies like on Carbon Credit issues related to CDM and REDD+. Findings of these studies need be reached out, so that people may derive benefit out of these study results. On this issue Prof S. Bhattacharyya VC, suggested that these study reports may be published in the Annual Report of Jadavpur University which will be published by Oxford Publication and the price be kept low for easy access by more people.

Prof. Mazumdar made a power point presentation on the activities undertaken by the Regional Centre during the year 2012-13, which were suitably supplemented by the concerned Scientists of the Regional Centre. Ms. Anita Karan wanted to know about the current status of performance where in it was mentioned that for unavoidable reasons a few programmes like Workshop on Buyer-Seller Meet in West Bengal, Documentation of case studies in West Bengal, Training on Accounting procedure in Sikkim, etc could not be taken up and completed in time. Respective Scientists explained the reasons for the same. However it was confirmed that all these work programmes will be completed shortly.

The work programme for the year 2013-14 was then placed before the House on a power point presentation for consideration. Each item of work programme was briefly narrated by the respective Scientist of the Regional Centre who proposed the programme. The proposed work programme for the year 2013-14 was generally accepted by the House with certain suggested modifications and omissions as mentioned below.

Regarding 'Workshop on 'Introduction of different cost effective and eco friendly improvements in traditional livelihood system for easy application and better production', Ms. Karan commented that it should be more specific and accordingly 'traditional livelihood system' has been replaced by 'traditional Agricultural system.

Similarly regarding training on 'Preparation of PRA based Microplan for JFMC members and frontline Forest Officers in the states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Sikkim', Shri Vyas commented that since JAICA project is being launched in the state of West Bengal which has a component of exhaustive training on Microplan therefore such training may not be required for West Bengal. Accordingly, the said training programme has been excluded from the state of West Bengal. Ms. Karn added that the states having Green India Mission projects may be given training on microplanning.

With these modifications, the proposed work programme of the Regional Centre NAEB, Jadavpur University, for the year 2013-14 has been accepted by the house.

To conclude, Prof. Mazumdar mentioned that although the proposal to hold AMC meetings in different states at suitable venues has since been accepted, on principle by the NAEB, MoEF, Gol. It could not be materialized since for unavoidable reasons. He however reiterated that endeavour is being made to materialize the same in near future which was profusely applauded by the members.

Since there was no other business to transect, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and mutual thanks giving between the participants.

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