

Proceeding of 12th meeting of Governing Council, HP Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held at Pong Dam on 24th January 2009 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Rakesh Kaushal, Secretary (Fisheries) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh. Besides Chairman, following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. Mr. B.D. Sharma,
Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 2. Sh. R.P. Dogra,
Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl | Member |
| 3. Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pong | Member |
| 4. Sh. Sunil Mehta,
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla | Member |
| 5. Sh. Rajan Sood,
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur | Member |
| 6. Sh. Mahesh Kumar,
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi | Member |
| 7. Sh. R.K. Korla,
Chief Executive Officer, HP Aquaculture,
Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur | Member Secretary |

Initiating the meeting, the Chairman welcomed all the participants of the meeting, the **Member Secretary** took up the agenda items for discussions.

1.

CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF 11TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING.

The **Member Secretary** informed the House that the minutes of the 11th Governing Council Meeting had been circulated to all the members and since no objection was received from any of the members, and as such, the same may be approved. The House approved the item.

2: FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

- i) **Progress report of trout farm, Barot:**
The item was discussed in detail and the house was satisfied with the progress of the work.
- ii) **Provision of Chowkidar-cum-Cook on contract basis for Angler's Lodges/Rest House.**

The department has Rest Houses/Angler Lodges situated at various strategic places in Himachal Pradesh, in addition to one Training Centre at Patlikuhl. These Rest Houses/ Angler Lodges etc do not serve the purpose for which they were constructed due to the lack of provisions of Cooks/Helpers or Chowkidars posted in these places. It was decided in the House that in future, these Rest Houses, Angler Lodges and Training

Centre at Patlikuhl be provided with the staff and the payment of the staff be made from the Society's fund so that they can become functional. It was further decided that the staff would be recruited by the department on the rates fixed by the government on daily wages basis.

The detail of the staff to be posted in different institutions is as under:

#	Name of the Institution (s)	Category of the staff
1	Angler's Lodge at Pong Dam	1. Chowkidar-cum-Cook 2. Helper
2.	Angler's Lodge at Barot	1. Chowkidar-cum-Cook
3.	Angler Lodge at Chamba	1. Chowkidar-cum-Cook
4	Rest House at Ghagus	1. Chowkidar-cum-Cook
5	Training Centre at Patlikuhl	1. Chowkidar-cum-Cook

III) SHORTAGE OF MAN-POWER IN FEED MILL AT TROUT FARM PATLIKUHL.

The Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl apprised the House that due to the increased demand of trout feed and the shifting of the store room to a far place, he was facing a shortage of man-power to run the feed mill. To cope with this problem, a daily-waged labourer is required to be deputed in the feed mill.

After discussion, it was approved that the services of already posted Part Time worker in the Trout Farm Patlikuhl may be converted into daily waged labourer and posted in the feed mill for which the Society would pay wages.

IV) PROVISION OF CHAIRS/LINENS FOR TRAINING CENTRE AT GHAGUS

It was approved that the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur may purchase these items after observing all codal formalities and the payment be made from the Society's fund.

V) LAUNCHING OF SOCIETY'S WEBSITE:

The MS apprised the House that the Society's website which is accessible at <http://himachal.nic.in/hpafms/index.htm>, had already been launched. The Chairman stressed the need to keep it updated.

VI) PURCHASE OF QUALITY FISH MEAL:

It was decided that the prevailing procedure may be continued.

VII) PROVIDING VEHICLE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

The vehicle has been purchased by the Society and the same is placed at the disposal of Chief Executive Officer as an 'Attached Vehicle'. The monthly charge of Rs. 250/- as per prescribed rate of the Government is being deducted from the salary of the Chief Executive Officer, from December 2008 onwards. The Governing Council approved the item.

VIII) FABRICATION OF FISH CART:

The matter was discussed in the house and Governing Council decided to **drop** it.

3.

FORMAL APPROVAL OF SH. R.K. KORLA, AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN THE SOCIETY:

The Governing Council ratified the appointment of Sh. R.K. Korla, as Chief Executive Officer, of the HP Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur w.e.f. 23rd April 2008.

4.

SATLUJ JAL VIDYUT NIGAM SPONSORED PROJECT' DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES OF NATHPA JHAKRI RESERVOIR AND TAIL-END OF SATLUJ RIVER.

The Member Secretary apprised the House that a sum of Rs. 1.25 crore has already been provided for various construction activities at Sangla farm and for the purchase of the Society's vehicle. The Governing Council monitored the progress of the various works under-going at Sangla farm and showed its satisfaction. Member Secretary further informed the House that a sum of Rs. 35.00 lakhs has been retained by the Society to be spent on the purchase/ installation of a feed mill at Patlikuhl.

5.

BBMB SPONSORED PROJECT' PROMOTION OF FISHERIES IN THE RIPARIAN AREA OF SUKETI KHAD AND ITS ADJACENT STREAM".

The Member Secretary informed that a total sum of Rs. 72.00 lakhs has been provided by the project authorities to the Society for the upgradation of infrastructure at fish farm, Alsu and Ghagus, and for providing training & financial assistance etc. to the 52 beneficiaries belonging to the riparian area of the Suketi khad and its tributaries. The Member Secretary further informed the House that a sum of Rs. 27,50,154/- is still lying with the Society and out of which estimate amounting to Rs. 25,17,750/- has been received in the office for the construction of Percolation Well, Over head tank at Ghagus farm. The House accorded the approval for the above work.

6.

MAHSEER FISH SEED PROJECT:

The work on Mahseer Fish Seed Project at Baddaun (Machhial) in Jogindernagar Tehsil of Mandi district is in progress against an estimated cost of 5.05 crore. Almost 70% of work has been completed. The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi informed that the water supply system to the farm is not up to the mark, the HDP pipes used for the supply of water are of inferior quality and during the test run, most of the joints of the pipe gave away to the pressure of water. The Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh informed the House that the matter was already brought to the notice of HIMUDA.

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APPOINTMENTS OF CLERKS AND DRIVERS.

The Member Secretary informed the House that the selection process for the appointment of Clerk and for Driver has already been started and the applications of 244 candidates and 221 have been received for the post of the Clerk and Driver respectively. Driving test for candidates who have applied for the post of Driver has been conducted. The interview will be held in May, 2009. It was approved that only seven (7) candidates, on the basis of merit of driving test, be called for interview. As regards clerks panel will be prepared on the basis of MCQ test to be conducted in the month of May 2009.

The Member Secretary requested the House that the requirement for the posts of clerk for the society may be increased to two as the department is unable to spare any Clerk for the Society. The Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl also demanded a clerk for issuing cash memos to the customers who visit the farm for the purchase of fish and feed as the trout farm is the biggest contributor of revenue to the society. It was approved that a panel of three clerks and two drivers should be prepared to meet future requirements.

Further, it was decided that for short listing and selecting the candidates for these post, the committee would be constituted by the Chairman.

The Member Secretary apprised the House that the Society is facing a great difficulty in doing the routine office work due to the lack of ministerial staff of the Society and such, he requested to permit the Society to re-employ a retired ministerial official on contractual basis.

The House approved the same.

8.

FURNISHING OF REST HOUSE AT FISH FARM KANGRA.

Member Secretary informed the House that the renovation of the departmental Rest House at Fish Farm Kangra has been completed and now it has to be furnished so as to make it functional. Since the department does not have budget, the furnishing may be done from the Society's funds.

The House approved the same.

9.

100% CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME ON STRENGTHENING OF POST HARVEST STRUCTURE:

Member Secretary apprised the House that under this scheme, a sum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs was received in November 2005 from the Government of India out of which a sum of Rs. 45,61,540/- had already been paid to HIMUDA for the construction of 4 Aqua-shops & one Ice Factory. The Member Secretary will put up the matter regarding the purchase of 2 vacuum packing machines each for Barot & Patlikuhl farm to the Chairman. As regards the Audit Para regarding this scheme, the Member Secretary was asked to send the appropriate reply to the Government of India.

10.

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE FEED MILL AT PATLIKUHL.

The Member Secretary informed the House that the work of the installation of Feed Mill at Trout Farm Patlikuhl has been awarded to M/s B.K. Engineering Works, Khanna and the supplier has been asked to provide bank guarantee of an amount equal to the advance money of Rs. 8.5 lakhs to be given to him alongwith supply order. The supplier has further assured the department that within a span of 120 days, the installation of feed mill would be completed.

NEW SCHEME:

CREATION OF POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS MINI ICE PLANT & PROCUREMENT OF INSULATED BOXES.

The Member Secretary informed the House that a new scheme for construction of 3 Ice-Plants and for purchase of 200 insulated boxes has been sanctioned by the Government of India worth Rs. 79 lakhs. A sum of Rs. 25 lakhs on account of 1st installment has been received by the Society under this scheme.

The Member Secretary requested the House that the various sites for the construction of these three Ice Plants may be earmarked so that the work of these Ice Plants can be started. The House was of the view that the control and running of these Ice Plants may be entrusted to the Societies since the department doesn't have the staff to run these Ice Plants. The House approved that the Assistant Director of Fisheries, of both the reservoirs would send their proposed locations for setting up these Ice plants after fully examining the pros and cons of each location. It was further decided by the house that two Ice Plants would be setup in Gobind Sagar area and one in Pong reservoir keeping in view the production level of each of the reservoirs.

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT:

The balance sheet of the year 2007-08 audited by the Chartered Accountant was placed before the house for approval. After discussion, the house gave its approval.

NEW ITEMS:

PROVIDING LAND LINE TELEPHONE IN THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE RE-IMBURSEMENT OF MOBILE CHARGES.

Mr. R.K. Korla, Chief Executive Officer, HP Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur has been provided a telephone at his official residence and allowed to reimburse telephone and mobile charges as per instructions contained in the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter No. Fin-1- (c)-14/92 dated 1st August 2007, addressed to all the Head of Department in HP. Etc.

The House ratified this decision to grant reimbursable charges of land line telephone and on cell phone to Sh. R.K. Korla, Chief Executive Officer as per prescribed rates notified by the Govt. of HP.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.