

Proceeding of the 13th meeting of Governing Council, H.P. Aquaculture Fishing, and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held at Office Chamber on 16th February 2010 under the Chairmanship of Mr. V. C. Pharka, Principal Secretary (Fisheries) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh. 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. Mahesh Kumar
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi | Member |
| 4. | Sh. Sunil Mehta
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla | Member |
| 5. | Sh. V. K. Puri
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba | Member |
| 6. | Sh. Rajan Sood
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur | Member |
| 7. | Sh. Hamir Chand
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pong Dam | Member |
| 8. | Sh. Parkash Chand Dogra
Joint-Secretary (Fisheries) | Special Invitee |
| 9. | Sh. Jeet Ram Verma
Section Officer (Fisheries) | Special Invitee |
| 10. | Sh. Sat Pal Mehta
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Palampur | Special Invitee |
| 11. | Sh. Susheel Janartha
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Solan | Special Invitee |
| 12. | Sh. Ashok Verma
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Una | Special Invitee |
| 13. | Sh. R. K. Korla
Chief Executive Officer,
H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & 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 12TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING.

The Member Secretary informed the House that the minutes of the 12th Governing Council Meeting has 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. Provision of Chowkidar-cum-Cook for the Departmental Angler's Lodges/Rest Houses etc.:

The Governing Council decided that the compliance be reported in the next Governing Council Meeting in regard to the decision taken in the 12th Governing Council Meeting pertaining to the provision of Chowkidar-cum-cook etc. in the departmental Angler's Lodges / Rest Houses etc.

ii. Shortage of man power in Feed Mill at Trout Farm Patlikuhl:

The post of part-time labourer has already been converted into full-time and the matter was dropped.

iii. Provision of Chairs/Linens for Training Centre at Ghagus:

The material has been provided to the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur and the Governing Council recommended to drop this item.

iv. 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 the work on the installation of feed Mill is almost complete. The Chairman directed the Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl to hold a meeting with the representative of the H. P. Agro-Industries, Corporation Shimla and the supplier for the steps to be taken for immediate commissioning of the Feed Mill.

v. BBMB Sponsored Project "Promotion of Fisheries in the Riparian Area of Suketi Khud and its Adjacent Stream":

The Member Secretary informed the Council that the work on the construction of percolation well at Fish Farm Ghagus is in progress

and likely to be finished in April, 2010. The House directed the **Member Secretary** to ensure the early completion of this project.

vi. Mahaseer Fish Seed Project:

The Chairman and members of the Governing Council expressed their concern about the delay in the construction of the Farm. It was decided by the Governing Council that Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries and Chief Executive Officer, HPAFMS may take up the matter with the HIMUDA authorities for early completion of this Farm.

vii. Appointments of Clerks and Drivers:

Three Clerks and One Driver have been appointed in the Society on Contract basis and the Governing Council decided to drop this item.

viii. Furnishing of Rest House at Fish Farm Kangra:

The furnishing material to the Rest House has already been provided, hence the Governing Council recommended to drop this item.

ix. 100% centrally sponsored scheme on strengthening of Post Harvest Structure:

The Governing Council directed the Chief Executive Officer/ Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl to take up the matter with the executing Agency for immediate completion of the Ice-Factory at Patlikuhl so that it can become operational to fulfill the demand of ice of the trout suppliers/farmers.

3.

SATLUJ JAL VIDYUT NIGAM SPONSORED PROJECT 'DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES OF NATHPA JHAKRI RESERVOIR ANND 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 of Sangla farm and for the purchase of the Society 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. 11.00 lakhs has been retained by the Society on account of the balance payment to be made to the supplier of the feed mill on its completion.

4.

BBMB SPONSORED PROJECT "PROMOTION OF FISHERIES IN THE RIPARIAN AREA OF SUKETI KHUD 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 farms, at Alsu and Ghagus, and for providing training and financial assistance etc. to the 52 beneficiaries belonging to the riparian area of the Suketi Khud and its tributaries. The Member Secretary further informed the House that a sum of Rs. 0.79 lakhs is lying with the Society which is earmarked for holding the Seminar/Training by the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi to the fish farmers belonging to that area, in which Department of Fisheries, BBMB authorities will also participate.

5.

MAHASEER FISH SEED PROJECT.

The work on Mahaseer 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. The House directed the Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries/Chief Executive Officer to take up the matter with the HIMUDA authorities for its early completion.

6.

CREATION OF POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS MINI ICE PLANT.

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 informed the House that sum of Rs. 25 lakhs has been received from the G.O.I. and the HIMUDA authorities has been requested to make estimate for the construction of One Ice-Plant at Dobar in District Una, but the HIMUDA authorities have not yet provided, although a period of 4 months has been elapsed. The government of India has been insisting to intimate to them the progress of the work under this scheme but due to the non-availability of the estimates of Ice-Plant from the HIMUDA, the Society could not deposit the funds to the executing Agency and further demands of funds from G.O.I. cannot be made.

The House directed the Member Secretary to take up the matter with the C.E.O.-cum-Secretary, HIMUDA for the immediate supply of the estimates.

7.

PROVISION OF STAFF TO THE ICE FACTORY AT TROUT FARM PATLIKUHL.

The Governing Council directed the Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl to outsource one post of Ice-factory Mechanic and one helper to some agency for running the Ice factory for which the payment be made from the Society's Fund.

8.

REVISION OF EMOLUMENTS OF CONTRACT EMPLOYEE W.E.F. 1/12/2009.

The Governing Council approved the revision of the emoluments of the contract employees working in the Society as per instructions contained in GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH FINANCE (REGULATIONS) DEPARTMENT OFFICE MEMORANDUM No. Fin©B(7)5/2009 dated, Shimla-171002, the 3rd December, 2009.

9.

TO INCREASE THE IMPREST AMOUNT AVAILABLE WITH THE SOCIETY.

The Governing Council considered the proposal but was not approved.

10.

REGARDING THE TAKING OVER OF AWARENESS CENTRE AT BILASPUR.

The Governing Council discussed the matter regarding the take over of the Awareness Centre at Bilaspur and it was decided that the DWF and the Chief Executive Officer of the Society shall workout a joint proposal and that is to be put up in the next Governing Council Meeting.

11.

BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

The Governing Council members were of the view that the beautification of all fish farms should be done so as to attract the tourists. It was decided that all the DDF/ADF's under whose jurisdiction the fish farms falls, they would prepare proposals for the beautification of their respective farms and the Society would provide the funds to the executing Agency.

12.

PUTTING UP SIGN BOARDS/DISPLAY BOARDS.

The Chairman asserted that all the offices/farms must have proper sign boards at their entrances, preferably glow sign boards so that the public/farmers have an easy access to their offices/farms. The schemes relating to the development of fisheries should be legibly displayed on these boards along with the detail of the species/Nos./size of the fish available in each tank/raceway be depicted.

13.

EFFORTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF SALE OF TROUT.

The Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh informed the house that about 10 tonnes of saleable trout is available in the trout farms of the state and special efforts are required to be done for sale of this huge stock. The Chairman directed the Chief Executive Officer of the Society to personally visit Chandigarh and explore the possibility of selling this trout. It was further mentioned by the worthy Chairman to contact the officials of Panjab Mandi Board, Hotels etc. for the promotion of sale of trout.

14.

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT.

The balance sheet of the year 2008-09 audited by the Chartered Accountant was placed before the house for approval. After discussion, the house gave its approval.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.