

MINUTES OF THE 19th MEETING OF GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, H.P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY HELD ON 31st AUGUST, 2013 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI TARUN SHRIDHAR, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (FISHERIES) TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF ARMSDALE BUILDING HIMACHAL PRADESH SECRETARIAT, SHIMLA.

Following officers participated in the Meeting:

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| 1. | Sh. Anupam Kashyap
Additional Secretary (Fisheries),
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 2. | Sh. Uttam Singh
Under Secretary (Finance)
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 3. | Sh. Satpal Mehta
Deputy Director of Fisheries,
Trout Farm Patlikuhl, Kullu (HP). | Member |
| 4. | Sh. V.K. Puri
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pong Dam,
Distt. Kangra, (HP) | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Mahesh Kumar
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Mandi (HP) | Member |
| 6. | Sh. Rajan Sud
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Bilaspur (HP) | Member |
| 7. | Sh. Tapesh Chauhan,
Assistant Director Fisheries
Shimla (HP) | Member |
| 8. | Sh. Bhupinder Kumar,
Senior Fisheries Officer,
Chamba (HP)
(Representative of ADF Chamba) | Member |
| 9. | Sh. Gurcharan Singh
Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries,
Himachal Pradesh-cum- Chief Executive Officer
H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society Bilaspur | Member Secretary |

At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the participants and asked Member Secretary to take up agenda items for discussion. Thereupon the following items were discussed and the decisions taken are shown below.

Item # 1.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 18th GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th August 2012.

Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the 17th Governing Council Meeting were circulated to all the members. No objections have been received from any member.

There upon minutes of 18th Governing Council Meeting were confirmed.

Item # 2

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON DECISIONS OF LAST MEETING.

(1) BBMB SPONSORED PROJECT “PROMOTION OF FISHERIES IN THE RIPARIAN AREA OF SUKETI KHUD AND ITS ADJACENT STREAMS”:

Member Secretary informed that Rs. 72.00 Lakh received from BBMB under the above project have been allotted for different construction works at Fish Seed Farm, Deoli Distt. Bilaspur to HP,SIDC, but the construction works have not been executed so far, despite repeated reminders.

After discussion, it was decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) will arrange a meeting with HP,SIDC officers for early execution/completion of all construction works, in a time bound manner.

Action: Additional Secretary (Fisheries)

(2) MAHSEER FISH SEED PROJECT:

Member Secretary informed that construction work of Mahseer Fish Seed Farm at Machhial, Tehsil Jogindernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) has not been attended to by HIMUDA despite of our repeated requests but on the contrary XEN, HIMUDA, Mandi is asking for depositing more funds with them.

After discussion, it was decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) will inspect the ongoing works of this farm and submit inspection report for taking further decision in this regard.

Member Secretary further apprised that Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Utrakhand has submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for providing breeding technology of Golden Mahseer at Mahseer Farm Machhial. He further informed that said DPR stands submitted to the Govt. for approval and requested for approval of the same so that an agreement be executed with DCFR, enabling them to initiate brood stock raising process of Mahseer for its breeding at the farm.

It was decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) will expedite approval of the DPR at Govt. level.

Action: Additional Secretary (Fisheries)

(3) 100% CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME ON STRENGTHENING OF POST HARVEST STRUCTURE:

Member Secretary informed that a sum of **Rs.** 100 lac were sanctioned by Government of India under this scheme. First installment of **Rs.** 50.00 lac has been received. Out of this amount, one ice plant at a cost of **Rs.** 22.2646 lac have been constructed at Trout Farm Patlikuhl and a sum of **Rs.** 27.7354 lac was allotted to HIMUDA for the construction of four Aqua Shops. Construction work of three Aqua

Shops. at Sultanpur (Chamba), Ghagus (Bilaspur) and Barot (Mandi) has been completed while construction work of Aqua Shop at Dhamwari (Shimla) is nearing completion. He further informed that matter regarding release of 2nd installment of funds has been taken up with GOI.

After discussion, it was decided to get the construction work of remaining Aqua Shop completed immediately and release of 2nd installment of Rs. 50.00 lac from Govt. of India, be also expedited.

Action: Additional Secretary (Fisheries)

(4) CREATION OF POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS MINI ICE PLANT.

Member Secretary informed that a sum of **Rs. 79.00 lac** have been sanctioned by Government of India under this scheme out of which first installment of **Rs. 25.00 lac** was released which has been deposited with HIMUDA for the construction and installation of one mini ice plant at Dobar, (Gobind Sagar) Tehsil Bangana, Distt. Una. The construction and installation work of Ice Plant has been completed by HIMUDA but one transformer is required to be installed there, for electric connection. He further requested the house for the arrangement of funds for transformer installation.

After discussion, it was decided that the transformer be installed out of HP,AFMS funds and some procedure be laid down for the complete utilization of produced ice by Fish Cooperative Society, Dobar. Matter for the release of 2nd installment amounting to Rs. 54.00 lakhs from Gol, be also expedited.

Action: Additional Secretary (Fisheries)

CEO & ADF Bilaspur

(5) REGARDING TAKING OVER OF AWARENESS CENTRE AT BILASPUR.

Member Secretary informed that for the operation/ functioning of Awareness Centre (Aquarium House) constructed at Bilaspur, two fishermen (retired) on honorarium basis and one Chwokidar-cum-Sweeper through outsourcing has been provided by the Society. He further requested the house to permit to continue with the same system for the functioning of this awareness centre and **item be dropped**.

After discussion, proposal of Member Secretary was approved.

(6) BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

Member Secretary informed that in the last meeting, it was decided to take up the work of beautification of Fish Seed Farm Deoli (Bilaspur) and Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) on priority basis through Engineering Cell of HPAFMS / Horticulture wing of PWD. He further informed that powers for according technical sanctions to AE (Civil) has been accorded as under:

a. Original Work

Assistant Engineer (Civil) upto **Rs.** 3.00 Lakh (Rupees Three Lakh) only.

b. Repair / maintenance of work

Assistant Engineer (Civil) upto Rs 2.00 lakh (Rupees Two lakh) only.

Member Secretary further informed that Assistant Engineer already engaged in the Society have left the job and a new application of one retired Assistant Engineer Mr. Ashwani Kumar has been received in Society's office, who was at sl. no.2 in the interview panel conducted last time, which is submitted for approval, please.

After discussion, appointment of Retired Engineer, who was at sl.no. 2 in the panel of interview conducted last time by the society, was approved and post of AE (Civil) was re-designated as Project Engineer. It was further decided that construction works of the Department/ HPAFMS be got executed through Project Engineer, who will also approve the estimates technically. Post of one Technical Assistant (Retired), which already stands created by the Governing Council, may also be filled. Monthly Honorarium of Rs. Ten Thousand was approved for Technical Assistant. It was further approved that estimates of major works be got prepared through outsourcing, by paying remuneration as per norms fixed

in other organizations. It was further decided that beautification work of Fish Seed Farm, Deoli, Distt. Bilaspur & Trout Farm Patlikuhl Distt. Kullu be got executed through Project Engineer.

Action: CEO, DDF Patlikuhl / ADF Bilaspur

(7) UPGRADATION OF THE EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES.

Member Secretary informed that there are two training centers of the Department, at Patlikuhl (Kullu) and Deoli (Bilaspur) where two projectors have been provided by the Society. As decided in the last meeting, two Laptops have also been provided. He further informed that updation works of Booklets / brochures is pending at the level of ADF Mandi, Pong Dam and Chamba which after updation shall be got published out of Society Funds.

After discussion, it was decided that these officers will provide updated manuscript of booklets/brochures within 15 days and then Department will get all the booklets / brochures published out of Society funds.

Action: CEO & All concerned officers.

(8) UPKEEP OF DEPARTMENTAL REST HOUSES / ANGLER LODGES / TRAINING CENTRES ETC.

Member Secretary informed that HP Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society has provided 6 Cook-cum-Chowkidars in Departmental Angler Lodges/Huts/ Rest Houses/ Training Centres. Recurring cost of these infrastructures is being borne by the Department and revenue also deposited with the Department. It is proposed to continue the system as such and item be dropped.

After discussion, it was decided that possibility of getting all Departmental Angler Lodges/Huts/ Rest Houses/ Training Centres on lease by the Society, be explored.

Action: CEO

(9) PURCHASE OF MOTOR BOATS FOR THE RESERVOIRS.

Member Secretary informed that two motor boats have been purchased, each for Gobind Sagar and Pong Reservoir, which are being used for Fisheries Conservation by the Department. Hence item be dropped.

Participating in the discussion Mr. Mahesh Kumar, ADF, Mandi suggested that rates for the use of these boats by private persons/ tourists may also be fixed.

Chairman said that since these boats have been purchased for fisheries conservation in reservoirs, hence cannot be allowed to be used by tourists. He advised that special care is required to be taken for timely service and maintenance of these boats as per service manual. It was further decided that form of undertaking may be devised which is required to be got signed by the persons boarding on these boats.

Action: DWF, ADF Bilaspur & Pong Dam

(10) PROVIDING OF FURNITURE AND KITCHEN ITEMS FOR ANGLING HUT AT HOLI, DISTT. CHAMBA (H.P.)

Member Secretary informed that it was approved to provide furniture to Angling Hut, Holi out of Society funds after completion of the construction work. He further informed that construction work of Angling Hut Holi is almost complete. A case for the purchase of furniture from Furniture Factory, Bilaspur (A Govt. undertaking) amounting to Rs.3,57,772/- has been received from ADF Chamba, which is put up for sanction, please

After discussion, above proposal of furniture purchase was approved.

Action: CEO/ ADF Chamba

(11) UTILIZATION OF AN AMOUNT OF RS. 4,62,694/- LYING WITH THE SOCIETY AS BALANCE FUNDS FROM THE PROJECT NAMED “ESTABLISHMENT OF PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY AT TROUT FARM PATLIKUHL”.

Member Secretary informed that a sum of Rs 30.00 lakh were sanctioned for the establishment of Pathological Laboratory at Trout Farm Patlikuhl out of which Rs. 4,62,694/- are remaining as balance amount with the Society. It was decided in the last meeting that DDF, Patlikuhl will submit a proposal for the utilization of balance funds, which is still awaited.

After discussion, Chairman directed to utilize this amount for the upgradation of Pathological Lab as well as for imparting training to the staff posted at Patlikuhl in pathological investigations at NBFDT, Lucknow.

Action: DDF, Patlikuhl

(12) PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

Member Secretary informed that it was decided to hire the services of one Driver through outsourcing by Society for the Directorate of Fisheries but Member Secretary further informed that Govt. has accorded permission to engage Driver having valid license from Home Guards, hence, item be dropped.

After discussion, the Item was dropped.

Action: DWF & CEO

(13) FUNDS AMOUNTING TO Rs. 668 LAC RECEIVED UNDER NMPS-RKVY SCHEME FOR INITIATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME IN STATE'S RESERVOIRS VIZ: GOBIND SAGAR AND PONG – FINALIZATION OF PROCEDURE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

Member Secretary informed that a sum of Rs. 668 lac received under NMPS- during 2011-12 for „Cage Culture“ were modified by Gol for the “Establishment of Infrastructure for raising of fish seed upto fingerling stage for stocking in state reservoirs” which is being utilized at Fish Farm Nalagarh Distt (Solan) through HP,SIDC as per approval accorded in the 2nd meeting of PIC-NMPS, detailed as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Component	Tentative Cost(Rs. In Crore)	Status
1.	Strengthening of Nursery and Rearing Ponds and C/o One Hatchery	3.50	A/A=3.50 crore E/s=87,50,000/- accorded .Work started by HPSIDC
2.	C/o tube well alongwith provision of water supply system	0.60	Bore well work completed by I & PH Department. Estimate of balance work being prepared by HPISIDC.
3.	Operational Cost	0.70	Funds shall be utilized when farm will become operational.
3.1	Cost of Feed		
3.2	Cost of Seed		
3.3	Cost of labour		
3.4	Cost of farm equipments		
3.5	Cost of Feed Mill		
3.6	Administrative cost etc.		
4.	Fish Seed Stocking in reservoirs (for two years)	0.50	Funds are being utilized during current year.
5.	Creation of Departmental Infrastructure	0.60	A/A=0.60 crore E/S= 1500000/- has been accorded .Work awarded by HPSIDC

5.1	C/o Approach Road etc.		
5.2	C/o Residential & Administrative block		
5.3	Establishment of Laboratories		
6.	Project Implementation Cost	0.20	Funds to the tune of Rs. 3.19 lakhs has been utilized uptill now.
7.	Creation of post Harvest and Value addition facilities	0.58	To be decided.
	Total	6.68	

After discussion, Chairman directed that out of the funds of Rs. 58 lac depicted under item No-7, Insulated boxes be provided to the fishermen members of two fish cooperative societies, as well as large sized insulated boxes to these fish cooperative societies of Gobind Sagar reservoir, initially, for providing hygienic conditions to the fish caught by fishermen, right from the fishing grounds, enabling them to get good price of their catches.

Action: CEO

(14) DECISION REGARDING FINALIZATION OF MODALITIES FOR THE USE OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ANGLING LAKE AT TROUT FARM PATLIKUHL (KULLU).

Member Secretary informed that one Angling Lake has been got constructed through HIMUDA at Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) at a cost

of **Rs.** 54.33 lac which is at its final stage of completion but there is leakage at its full water level, which is not being attended by HIMUDA.

After discussion, it was decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) will inspect this work and submit inspection report for taking further decision, in this regard.

Action: Additional Secretary (Fisheries)

(15) FUNDS REQUIREMENT FOR FISH SEED STOCKING IN STATE'S RESERVOIRS

Member Secretary informed that Fish Seed Stocking is done by the Directorate of Fisheries every year in State's reservoirs for getting sustained fish yield. During last year, Rs. 10.00 lac were approved for fish seed stocking in the reservoirs under RKVY Stream-I but due to less release of funds by GOI, this amount was not received. The Directorate has requested of Rs. 10.00 lac for the purchase of fish seed for stocking in reservoirs. In case sufficient funds are released under RKVY this year, then the same shall be returned to Society.

After discussion, the expenditure of Rs. 10.00 lac for the purchase of Fish Seed for stocking in reservoirs as proposed above, was approved.

Action: DWF & CEO

(16) Permission to engage Retired Clerical Officials in the Department against vacant posts on Honorarium Basis and Data Entry Operators from NIELIT Shimla.

Member Secretary informed that Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries has sent a proposal that in face of acute shortage of clerical staff in the Directorate, some retired clerical personnel / qualified staff through NIELIT may be allowed to be hired for Department on honorarium basis/ through outsourcing. Bare minimum requirement of staff is as under:

Sr. No.	Office / Activity Centre	Office Assistant (Retired)	Office Assistant (Through NIELIT) Graduate+ one year Diploma in computer.	Remarks
1.	Directorate of Fisheries, Bilaspur (H.P.)	2	2	Officials engaged shall be posted against vacancies to run the work smoothly.
2.	Office of Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur (H.P.)	-	1	Since two clerical officials shall be retiring on 30/09/2012 from this office, engagement of two officials will be a fillip to the gap.
	Total	2	3	

After discussion, it was decided that two Office Assistants for Directorate of Fisheries at Bilaspur and one for the office of Assistant Director Fisheries, Bilaspur be engaged either from retired persons, on monthly honorarium of Rs. 12,000/- or through NIELIT at the rates fixed by the said agency. It was further decided that Society will ensure hiring of expert and competent Office Assistants so that work assigned to them is attended to quickly and accurately.

Action: CEO

(17) Engagement of one retired clerical official in the O/o CEO, HPAFMS at Bilaspur.

Member Secretary informed that at present, only one lady clerk (Contract employee) is posted in the office of CEO, HP, AFMS Bilaspur who has also been selected in same Govt. Department and she can leave the job at any moment. Since, most of the schemes of Department are being executed through HP, AFMS hence, workload in the Society has definitely increased. Member Secretary further requested for the appointment of one Office Manager either a retired official or a personnel from NIELIT through outsourcing.

After discussion, it was decided that one Office Manager/ Office Assistant be hired for the office of CEO, HP, AFMS either on monthly honorarium of Rs. 15,000/- or an expert and competent Office Manager through NIELIT having qualification of B.com+ PGDCA so that work assigned to the incumbent is attended promptly and accurately.

Action: CEO

(18) DEMAND OF HELPERS AT FISH SEED FARMS

Member Secretary informed that in face of the acute shortage of helper staff at Trout / Carp Farms, routine work of these farms is being affected adversely and DWF has requested to deploy following helpers through outsourcing at the following fish farms so that seed production work at these farms runs smoothly:-

Sr. No.	Trout / Carp farms	Number
1.	Trout Farm Patlikuhl, District Kullu, (H.P.)	2
2.	Carp Farm Nalagarh District Solan (H.P.)	1
3.	Carp Farm Deoli (Gagret) District Una (H.P.)	2
4.	Carp Farm Deoli (Ghagus) Distt. Bilaspur (H.P)	1
	Total	6

DDF Patlikuhl further requested to allow two persons at Patlikuhl and one at Batahar hatchery during rainy season (July- September) every year, through outsourcing, in order to save these units from floods.

After discussion, it was decided to allow two helpers at Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu), two at Carp Farm Deoli (Una), one each at Carp Farms Nalagarh (Solan) & Deoli (Bilaspur). It was further decided to allow two helpers for Trout Farm Patlikuhl and one helper for Trout Hatchery Batahar in Kullu district during rainy season (July-September) every year, through outsourcing.

Action: CEO

(19) DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON LETTER RECEIVED FROM INCOME TAX OFFICER (i&ci) CHANDIGARH REGARDING NON QUOTING OF PAN U/S 139A(5) & 272B OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

Member Secretary informed that consequent upon the letter received from Income Tax Office, PAN number has been intimated to the Income Tax Department.

It was noted.

Item # 3:

Expenditure Statement of the Society for the year 2011-12 & 2012-13:

Member Secretary placed accounts of the Society for the year 2011-12 & 2012-13 before the house for approval which were annexed as annexure-1.

After discussion and securitization of accounts of the Society for the year 2011-12 & 2012-13 by the members, it was found that accounts prepared were in order and same were approved.

Concluding Remarks in the minutes of 18th Meeting of Governing Council :

Member Secretary informed that following progress has been made on the concluding remarks of Chairman made in the last meeting held on 17th August 2012.

1. Regarding mixing of funds, all previous balance sheets have been reworked to differentiate between the funds earned by the Society, grants received by the Society and amount received from HEP"s. Expenses incurred against each category is reduced from grants received for that category and net balance is separately derived for each category.
2. Interest earned during a period is allocated to funds earned by the Society, to grant received by the Society and funds received from HEP"s.
3. Service tax is applicable only if receipt from services rendered exceeds Rs. 10.00 Lac in a year. The Society does not render services to this

value. In case services over Rs 10.00 Lac are rendered, we will apply & take service tax registration at that time.

4. Every Society is liable to pay Income Tax on amount earned by it by way of interest or any other mode unless some exemption is received.
5. The Society has not filed income tax returns since beginning This came to the knowledge of the Society during the finalization of accounts for financial year 2011-12. Taking corrective action, the Society has applied for retrospective exemption from Income Tax u/s 10(46) to Central Board of Direct Taxes(CBDT).The application is still pending. Income tax return for the year 2011-12 has been filed.

House felt satisfaction on the above progress/comments of the Society.

Item # 4 :

New Items:

- 1. Utilization of NMPS funds amounting to Rs. 918.00 Lac sanctioned during 2012-13.**

Member Secretary informed that under NMPS- a component of RKVY, funds to the tune of Rs. 918.00 Lac were sanctioned during 2012-13, for “establishment of infrastructure for raising of fish seed upto fingerlings stage for stocking in state reservoirs” & “aquaculture development through integrated approach in Himachal Pradesh” and funds deposited with the Society by Department of Fisheries, detail & progress of which is as under:

a) Establishment of infrastructure for raising of fish seed upto fingerling stage for stocking in State reservoirs.

Funds under this scheme are being utilized at Fish Farm Deoli, Distt Una through HP,SIDC as per approval accorded in the 2nd meeting of PIC-NMPS detail of which is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Component	Tentative Cost(Rs.	Status
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		In Crore)	
1.	Strengthening of Nursery and Rearing Ponds and C/o One Hatchery	3.50	A/A=3.502 crore E/S= 8750500/- Work started by HPSIDC
2.	C/o tube well alongwith provision of water supply system	0.60	A/A=0.60 crore E/s= 1500000/- Work awarded by HP,SIDC
3.	Operational Cost	0.70	Funds shall be utilized when farm will become operational
3.1	Cost of Feed		
3.2	Cost of Seed		
3.3	Cost of labour		
3.4	Cost of farm equipments		
3.5	Cost of Feed Mill		
3.6	Administrative cost etc.		
4.	Fish Seed Stocking in reservoirs (for two years)	0.50	Funds are being utilized during current year.
5.	Creation of Departmental Infrastructure	0.60	A/A=0.60 crore E/s= 1500000/- Work awarded by HP,SIDC
5.1	C/o Approach Road etc.		
5.2	C/o Residential & Administrative block		

5.3	Establishment of Laboratories		
6.	Project Implementation Cost	0.20	
7.	Creation of post Harvest and Value addition facilities	0.58	To be decided.
	Total	6.68	

After discussion, Chairman directed that out of the funds of Rs. 58 lac depicted under item No-7, Insulated boxes be provided to the Fishermen members of two fish cooperative societies, as well as large sized insulated boxes to the same fish cooperative societies of Pong reservoir, and active fishermen of Ranjit Sagar & Chamera reservoir initially for providing hygienic condition to the fish caught by fishermen right from the fishing sites enabling them to get good price of their catch.

b) Aquaculture Development through Integrated Approach:

This scheme is being implemented in district Una, Solan and Kangra and progress made under this scheme was as under:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Physical Target	Unit	Unit Cost (Rs. In Lac)	Total Cost (Rs. In lac)	Status
1.	Construction of fish seed hatchery	1	No.	15.00	15.00	Subsidy case for the construction of one Fish seed hatchery has been sanctioned in private sector.
2.	Construction of fish	10	Ha.	@6.00/ha	24.00	Subsidy cases

	nursery (Maximum of 10 ha)			with 40% subsidy		for the construction of nursery ponds for 10 ha has been sanctioned in private sector and work is in progress
3.	Input cost of seed rearing (Maximum of 10 ha)	10	Ha.	@ 2.00 /ha with 40% subsidy	8.00	The amount shall be utilized after the completion of construction work of fish nursery ponds
4.	Construction of ponds (Maximum of 10 ha per beneficiary cluster of 40 ha per unit)	40	Ha.	@5.00/ha with 40% subsidy	80.00	Subsidy cases for the construction of stock ponds for 40 ha has been sanctioned in private sector and work is in progress
5.	Input cost of fish production (for 40 ha)	40	Ha.	@ 2.00/ha with 40% subsidy	32.00	The amount shall be utilized after the completion of construction work of fish ponds

6.	Construction of feed mill plant	1	No.	---	45.00	Fish Feed mill is also being set up at Fish Farm Deoli (Gagret) Distt. Una (H.P.) for which tenders are being floated
7.	Establishment of infrastructure like cold storage, Ice Plant, insulated truck, Marketing/ retail outlet	10	40	Max. of 10 ha/ beneficiar y cluster of 40 ha/unit	46.00	Process not yet started . Put up for discussion & finalization of post harvest infrastructure items.
	Total	--	--	--	250.00	

After discussion, house felt satisfaction on the progress made under the scheme and further it was desired that pace of work under the scheme be enhanced for early completion.

Action: CEO

- i) Utilization of NMPS funds amounting to Rs. 584.00 lac sanctioned during 2013-14.**

Member Secretary informed that under NMPS- a component of RKVY, funds to the tune of Rs. 584.00 Lac has been sanctioned during 2013-14, for “Aquaculture Development through Integrated Approach” & “Cage Fish Culture in Reservoirs of Himachal Pradesh” and both these schemes are to be implemented in Society mode. Funds have not yet been received in the Society. However, first scheme has been approved by SLSC to be implemented for ponds construction in Una,

Solan, Bilaspur, Kangra & Sirmour districts whereas for the c/o Nursery ponds, Hatchery, establishment of Feed Mill, scheme has been approved for implementation in Solan Distt. Since one feed mill is being set up at Fish Farm Deoli (Una) hence it is proposed that 2nd feed mill may be allowed to be set up in Chamba district, instead of Solan where it will cater the demand of trout and carp farmers both. It was further requested to extend this scheme to Chamba district also. Regarding implementation of 2nd scheme, funds shall be transferred to CIFRI for demonstration of "Cage Fish Culture" in one of the state reservoirs but support of this scheme by Government of India is awaited.

After discussion, above proposal of the Member Secretary was approved.

ii) Policy regarding providing of aquaria in the offices/ residences of VIPs.

Member Secretary informed that at present, fish aquaria are being installed in the offices of VIPs in HP Secretariat at Shimla and purchase /installation as well as recurring-maintenance cost is being borne by the Society. During the year 2012-13, expenditure to the tune of Rs. 59,235/- has been incurred on this activity by the Society. Now references are being received from some VIP"s to install aquaria at their residences also. He requested for a policy decision in this regard.

After discussion, it was felt that aquaria keeping is a important activity of the Department and hence it was decided to continue this facility of providing and maintaining fish aquaria in the offices of VIP's out of Society funds.

Action: CEO

iv) Establishment of Mobile Fish Market vehicles in the State.

Member Secretary informed that a proposal has been submitted by the Department to NFDB for the establishment of four Mobile Fish Market

vehicles in the state at a cost of Rs. 40.00 Lac for making the fish available in major cities and towns of the state. As per schematic pattern of NFDB, 90 % cost shall be borne by NFDB and remaining 10 % cost shall have to be borne by the State Govt. In the said project, it has been proposed to provide 10 % cost of the proposed project i.e. Rs. 4.00 lac from HP Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society which may be approved.

After discussion, above proposal of the Member Secretary was approved by the house and an amount of Rs. 4.00 lakhs was sanctioned for this project as matching share, out of Society funds.

v) Purchase of Fish Federation Building property in Bilaspur Town for Fisheries Department by H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society

Member Secretary informed that a meeting was held on 24th August, 2013 at Shimla under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary (Fisheries) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, regarding court case of Fish Federation Bilaspur (Winded up) for the clearance of dues of its employees. In this meeting, a decision has been taken to purchase this building by the Department through HP, AFMS. The value of this building shall be got assessed by HP,PWD and the property be transferred in the name of HP Fisheries Department. Member Secretary further informed that a sum of Rs.12.00 lac has been paid by HP, AFMS as token money towards the cost of this building/property which may be approved by the house and decision regarding balance payment may also be taken.

After discussion, the payment of Rs. 12.00 lac made out of Society funds was approved and it was decided to get the value of this property assessed by HP, PWD, the payment of which shall be paid out of HP,AFMS/ HEP's funds.

Action: DWF/CEO

vi) Proposal for the construction of Trout Raceways in Tribal Areas.

Member Secretary informed that DWF had submitted a project proposal for the construction of 36 trout Raceways in tribal areas of the state in private sector under RKVY Stream-II which was not approved by SLC of RKVY this year. He further informed that since budget provision of Rs. 36.00 lac for this activity was already made by Planning Department and cases under this activity from tribal areas are being received in the Directorate. Hence, in order to sanction these cases, a sum of Rs. 20.00 lac may be approved out of Society funds during this year for the development of trout culture in tribal areas , which is priority of the Department also.

House, after deliberation, approved the above proposal of Member Secretary and sanctioned a sum of Rs. 20.00 lac for this activity.

Action: DWF/ CEO

vii) Display of Hoardings for Trout Angling & Trout Culture on NH-21:

Member Secretary informed that in order to promote trout angling as well as Trout culture in the State, it is proposed to install/ fix at least 5 hoardings of appropriate size, at strategic points on NH-21 out of Society /HEP"s Funds.

House after detailed deliberations, approved this proposal subject to the condition that matter to be displayed on these hoardings be suitably finalized.

Action: CEO/DDF, Patlikuhl

viii) Organization of Trout Fish Festival at Chandigarh:

Member Secretary informed that a sum of Rs. 4.75 lac has been sanctioned and released by NFDB for the organization of Trout Fish Festival at Chandigarh as 50 % assistance, to the Department. Festival is proposed to

be organized during the month of October, 2013. Rs. 0.50 lac have been sanctioned by HP Tourism Department for this event. It is proposed that balance amount 4.25 lac may be provided/ sanctioned by H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society as matching share, for this event so that marketing of trout is promoted in Chandigarh area also.

After detailed discussion, matching share of Rs. 4.25 lac was approved out of Society funds for this event.

Action: CEO

ix) Audit paras pertaining to the formation of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society

Member Secretary informed that Accountant General Himachal Pradesh has raised 11 audit paras in the Department of Fisheries pertaining to the formation of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society and its functioning. He requested the house to discuss these audit paras and suggest solution for the same.

After discussion, it was decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the GoHP and DWF will examine this issue and discuss with Pr. Secretary (Fisheries) to the GoHP for further action. It was further decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the GoHP shall conduct comprehensive review of HP, AFMS at Govt. level so as to take final view on the issue of the transfer of staff and assets or even on its continuance, further.

Any other item with the permission of Chair:

1. Delegation of financial powers to CEO:

Member Secretary with the permission of Chair informed the house that at present financial power of Rs. 5000/- only has been delegated to the CEO and chques are signed jointly by CEO and DDF (Hqrs.) /ADF Bilaspur. He requested the house to increase financial power of Rs, 5,000/- because he has to come for obtaining petty financial sanctions all the way from Bilaspur to Shimla.

After deliberation, house increased financial power of the CEO, HP, AFMS from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand) only.

2. Approval of expenditure with regard to DWF's visit to Norway in order to attend Aqua Nor 2013:

Member Secretary informed that as per approval of the Govt.DWF conducted a tour of Norway (Trondheim) in order to attend Aqua Nor-2013 from 12th to 16th August 2013. As per approval of the Govt., expenditure of this visit is to be borne by HP,AFMS and house is requested to kindly approve the same as per norms of Gol.

After discussion, house approved the expenditure of this visit in favour of DWF to be paid out of Society funds as per norms fixed by Gol.

Action CEO/DWF