

MINUTES OF THE 20th MEETING OF GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, H.P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY HELD ON 26th MAY, 2014 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI TARUN SHRIDHAR, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (FISHERIES) TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, IN HIS OFFICE CHAMBER, ARMSDALE BUILDING SHIMLA

Following officers participated in the Meeting:

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| 1. | Sh. B.R. Kamal
Additional Secretary (Fisheries), to the
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 2. | Sh. K.R. Bharti
Special Secretary (Finance), to the
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh | Member |
| 3. | Sh. Gurcharan Singh
Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries,
Himachal Pradesh, Bilaspur | Member |
| 4. | Sh. V.K. Puri
Deputy Director of Fisheries,
Patlikuhl Distt. Kullu, (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. Tapes Chohan,
Assistant Director Fisheries
Shimla (HP) | Member |
| 8. | Sh. Khem Singh,
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Pong Dam, Distt. Kangra (HP) | Member |
| 9. | Sh. Satpal Mehta
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 19th GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31st August 2013.

Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the 19th Governing Council Meeting were circulated to all the members. No objections have been received from any member.

There upon minutes of 19th 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 completed so far, despite repeated requests. As per decision, a meeting was held with HPSIDC officers by Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P. on 14-03-14 in which Executive Engineer HPSIDC Dharamshala has assured completion of this work before 25th June 2014.

After discussion, it was decided that this work be expedited and got completed in a time bound manner.

Action: DWF/CEO

(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 completed even after 8 years by HIMUDA despite repeated requests. Out of 13 components sanctioned in the estimate, HIMUDA has completed only 8 works and have overspent an amount of Rs. 65.13 lac against the sanctioned amount of Rs.454.47 lac for these 8 works. Department has already deposited Rs. 388.52 lac with HIMUDA but now XEN, HIMUDA, Mandi has informed that total expenditure of Rs. 519.60 lac against the administrative approval of Rs. 505.89 lac have been incurred by them on 8 works only and he is repeatedly writing to deposit balance funds with them. As per decision, Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of HP has also inspected the construction works of this farm on 16/05/2014 but despite repeated visits & requests HIMUDA did not attend the pending works of this Project. A final decision in this regard is required to be taken.

After detailed discussion, it was decided to take over all above works from HIMUDA in the shape & condition, these are and remaining works be got completed through the Engineers of HPAFMS Bilaspur.

Action: DWF/CEO

Member Secretary further informed that Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Utrakhand had submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for providing breeding technology of Golden Mahseer at Mahseer Farm Machhial. Approval of DPR was accorded by Chairman HPAFMS and MOU was sent to DCFR Bhimtal but the said Institute has shown its inability for providing this technology. However possibilities are being explored for this technology with CIFE-Mumbai for which this Institute has now shown interest and desired that Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries Himachal Pradesh may visit CIFE for preliminary discussions.

After discussion, it was decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P. and Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries H.P. may

visit CIFE Mumbai for exploring the possibility of starting a project on Mahseer breeding in coordination with CIFE Mumbai immediately and submit the report.

Action: Additional Secretary Fisheries & DWF.

(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, but some finishing work is pending. He further informed that Government of India has been requested for the release of 2nd installment of Rs 50.00 lac vide Principal Secretary (Fisheries) letter No. Fish-F(5)-2/2005-Part-II dated 29/01/2014.

After discussion, it was decided to take over the aqua shop at Dhamwari in the shape & condition it is, from HIMUDA and get the remaining work completed through Engineers of HPAFMS. It was further decided to take up the matter of release of 2nd installment of Rs. 50.00 lac from GOI.

Action: DWF, CEO& ADF Shimla

(4) CREATION OF POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS MINI ICE PLANT AND PROCUREMENT OF INSULATED BOXES:.

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 almost been completed by HIMUDA and one transformer has also been installed there, for electric connection through HPSEB. Executive Engineer HIMUDA (Electrical) Dharamshala has assured commissioning of Ice plant before 31st May,

2014 positively. He further informed that Govt. of India has been requested for the release of 2nd installment of Rs. 54.00 lac vide Principal Secretary (Fisheries) letter no. F(5)-2/2005-Part-II dated 29-01-2014.

After discussion, it was decided to get the possession of Ice plant from HIMUDA and hand it over to Fish Cooperative society Dobar for its operation. Terms & conditions for the operation of this Ice Plant may also be finalized. Further, GOI be requested for the release of 2nd installment of Rs. 54.00 lac.

Action: DWF, CEO & ADF Bilaspur

(5) BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

Member Secretary informed that 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 Engineers of HPAFMS / Horticulture wing of PWD. He further informed that as per decision one retired Project Engineer & One retired Technical Assistant has been hired by the society. Construction work of beautification of Fish Farm Deoli (Ghagus) is in progress and for the beautification of Trout Farm Patlikuhl, proposal is still awaited from Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl.

After discussion, it was decided that DDF Patlikuhl will submit proposal for beautification including Hoardings, signboards, Landscaping for flower beds etc. and work be got executed through the engineers of HPAFMS, Bilaspur.

Action: DWF, DDF Patlikuhl.

(6) UPGRADATION OF THE EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES.

Member Secretary informed that there are two training centers of the Department, each 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 in English has been completed and the same are being translated into Hindi which afterwards shall be published out of society funds.

House was satisfied with the progress and decided that publication work be expedited.

Action: DWF & CEO.

(7) 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. He informed that during 2013-14 a sum of Rs. 83,430/- has been released as revenue from these infrastructures.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that wide publicity of these infrastructures be made and training be imparted to Cook-cum-Chowkidars in Govt. Hotels/Rest Houses for the servicing & maintenance of these infrastructures

Action: CEO/ DDF/ADF's concerned.

(8) 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. He further

informed that hiring charges of these motor boats during free time has been fixed for anglers @ Rs. 1700/- per hour by the department. Possibility for use of these motor boats by tourists is also being explored as Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur has already been requested for the registration of Motor boat for tourism purpose.

It was decided that DWF H.P. may contact Director Transport for the registration of these Motor Boats for their use by tourists during free hours.

Action: DWF

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

Member Secretary informed that as per approval, furniture & kitchen items have been provided and requested the House to drop the item.

Item was dropped.

(10) 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. House was requested to discuss for the utilization of balance amount.

After discussion, it was decided that DWF HP during his proposed visit to NBFGR Lucknow/CIFRI-Barrackpore will discuss regarding imparting training to the staff of Patlikuhl farm in Pathological investigations and upgradation of this laboratory. It was also decided that services of one Fisheries Officer be hired on

outsourcing basis who will be imparted training in the Pathological investigation.

Action: DWF, CEO & DDF.

(11) FUNDS AMOUNTING TO Rs. 668 LAC RECEIVED UNDER NMPS-RKVY SCHEME FOR INITIATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME IN STATE RESERVOIRS VIZ: GOBIND SAGAR AND PONG RESERVOIR.

Member Secretary informed that funds to the tune of Rs. 668 lac received under NMPS- during 2011-12 for 'Cage Culture' are being utilized in society mode for the upgradation/expansion of fish seed farm at Nalagarh Distt. Solan and the work is in progress. He further informed that out of the funds of Rs. 58 lac depicted under creation of post Harvest and Value addition facilities, 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. He further informed that tender for the supply of insulated boxes was floated but due to the receipt of higher rates, tender was cancelled and now the tender for the purchase of these insulated boxes shall be floated soon.

After discussion, it was decided to expedite the construction works at fish farm Nalagarh and purchase of insulated boxes, soon.

Action: DWF/CEO

(12) 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) which is at its final stage of completion but there is leakage problem in it at its full water level, which is not being attended by HIMUDA.

After discussion, it was decided to take over the possession of Angling Lake in the shape & condition it is from HIMUDA and

remaining work be got completed through the Engineers of HPAFMS Bilaspur.

Action: DWF, CEO & DDF Patlikuhal.

(13) 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 in the last meeting 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.

He further informed that since Model code of conduct of Lok Sabha Elections is over hence now services of above mentioned staff i.e. Office Assistant/Computer Operator for the Department shall be hired through HPAFMS immediately. Now it is proposed to fill up these posts either from retired persons @Rs12,000/- PM or from NIELIT/(NICSI) National Informatics Centre Services Inc./ any other authorized agency by the Govt. at the rates fixed by these agencies.

After discussion it was decided that three expert Office Assistants/Computer Operators/Data Management Associates be engaged either from retired persons @ 12000/- per month or from NIELIT/(NICSI)National Informatics Centre Services Inc./any other authorized agency by the Govt. at the rates fixed by these agencies.

Action: CEO

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

Member Secretary informed that in the last meeting it was decided to engage one Office Manager/ Office Assistant for the office of CEO, HP AFMS either on monthly honorarium basis @ Rs. 15,000/-PM or an expert and competent Office Manager through NIELIT so that work assigned to the incumbent is attended to promptly and accurately. He further informed that since one lady clerk who is working in the Society, was selected in Govt. Job but she was not given the appointment letter and she is still serving in the society, hence the created post was not filled up. Now she is expecting her appointment letter at any time and this post is required to be filled up. Member Secretary further proposed that since workload in the Society is increasing day by day due to the implementation of new

schemes/projects through HPAFMS, hence it is proposed to create following posts in the Society, to run the work smoothly.

1. **Office Manager** – 1 No (preferably retired person having good command on office Management @ Rs. 15,000/- PM or a competent Office Manager through NIELIT/ (NICS) National Informatics Centre Services Inc. /any other authorized agency by the Govt. at the rates fixed by such agency.
2. **Computer Operator/Data Management Associate- 1 No.** (Competent Computer Operator/ Data Management Associate through NIELIT/ (NICS)National Informatics Centre Services Inc. /any other authorized agency by the Govt. at the rates fixed by such agency.

After discussion it was decided to engage one office manager @ Rs. 15000/- pm from retired Superintendent Grade-II/Personal Assistant having atleast 5 years experience in Centre/State Govt. services and having good knowledge of computer applications, book keeping etc. or through NIELIT/(NICS) National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICS)/any other authorized agency by the Govt.) and one computer operator/Data Management Associate through NIELIT/NICS/any other authorized agency by the Govt.

Action: CEO

(15) DEMAND OF HELPERS AT FISH SEED FARMS

Member Secretary informed that In face of the acute shortage of helper staff at Trout / Carp Farms, 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.

He further informed that two Helpers have been provided at Trout Farm Patlikuhl Distt. Kullu (H.P.) & One at Carp Farm Deoli (Ghagus) Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) whereas helpers at Fish Farm Nalagarh (Solan) & Fish Farm Deoli (Una) shall be provided after these farms become functional. Helpers sanctioned for Trout Farm Patlikuhl & Trout Hatchery Batahar for three months, shall be provided during the months from July to September

House approved the action of CEO.

Action: CEO

(16) Utilization of NMPS funds amounting to Rs. 918.00 Lac sanctioned during 2012-13.

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

Member Secretary informed that as per decision, funds to the tune of Rs. 668.00 lac under this project are being utilized at Fish Farm Deoli, Distt Una through HPSIDC and work is in progress. It was decided that out of the funds of Rs. 58 lac depicted under item No-7, Insulated boxes would 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. Tender for the supply of insulated boxes was floated but due to the receipt of higher rates, tender was cancelled and now tenders for the purchase of these insulated boxes shall be floated soon.

After discussion, it was decided to expedite the construction works at Fish Farm Deoli, Una district and purchase of insulated boxes, soon.

Action: DWF & CEO.

b) Aquaculture Development through Integrated Approach:

Member Secretary informed that as per approval of SLSC, a sum of Rs. 250 lac sanctioned under this scheme is being utilized in districts Una, Solan and Kangra. All the cases for construction of ponds, hatchery, etc. have been sanctioned and work is in progress. Tender for the establishment of feed mill at Fish Seed Farm Deoli of Una district shall be floated soon.

After discussion it was decided to expedite the pace of all works under this item and float the tender for feed mill soon.

Action: DWF & CEO.

(17) 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. 250.00 Lac has been sanctioned during 2013-14, for the scheme named "Aquaculture Development through Integrated Approach" and Rs. 334.00 lac for the scheme named "cage fish culture in Reservoirs of Himachal Pradesh.

First scheme is being implemented in Una, Solan, Kangra, Bilaspur, Sirmour, and Chamba districts for the construction of Nursery/Fish ponds & construction of one carp hatchery was approved for Solan district and establishment of feed mill for Chamba district. Since cases under this scheme are not received from Solan and Chamba district hence Member Secretary further proposed to extend this scheme in Hamirpur & Mandi districts also. Regarding implementation of 2nd scheme, he informed that funds to the tune of Rs. 334.00 lac has been transferred to CIFRI for demonstration of "Cage Fish Culture" in state reservoirs by DWF (HP).

DWF, HP informed that he will be visiting CIFRI Barrackpore on 7th & 8th June, 2014 to participate in the meeting as has been desired by Director CIFRI, in which mode of implementation of this scheme shall be decided.

After discussion, proposal of Member Secretary was approved and it was decided to expedite the execution and completion of this project at the earliest. Tender for the installation of feed mill be floated after obtaining detailed specification from Director, CIFRI which will be expedited by DWF. It was also decided that after attending meeting at Barrackpore by DWF, work on cage fish culture scheme should be got initiated by CIFRI immediately.

Action: DWF, CEO & all concerned ADF.

(18) Establishment of Mobile Fish Market vehicles in the State.

Member Secretary informed that supply order for the purchase of two Mobile Fish Market Vehicles have been placed by the DWF and delivery of these vehicles is expected very shortly. After submitting UC of amount received from NFDB, proposal for the release of remaining payment of two vehicles shall also be submitted again to NFDB by Department.

Chairman desired that plan for the use of these mobile fish market vehicles be prepared immediately and got approved for the implementation of this scheme. It was decided that wide publicity of Mobile Fish Market vehicle be made.

Action: DWF.

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

Member Secretary informed that value of the Fish Federation was got assessed through HPPWD, for which Society has already deposited sum of

Rs. 26,39,000/- and the assessed value has been deposited with the Liquidator-cum District Inspector Cooperative Societies Bilaspur but he has not handed over the possession of said building, yet. He requested that instructions to hand over the possession of this building be got issued from Registrar Cooperative Societies.

Chairman informed that this matter has already been discussed with Registrar Co-operative Societies at Govt. level and decision in this regard shall be conveyed, very shortly.

Action: Additional Secretary (Fisheries) & DWF.

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

Member Secretary informed that it was decided to sanction Rs. 20.00 lac out of HPAFMS as financial assistance for the construction of 20 Trout Raceways in Tribal areas of Bharmour & Pangi in Chamba Distt. on RKVY pattern. He further informed that so far, Rs. 16.00 lac has been sanctioned for the construction of 16 Trout raceways in private sector in these areas.

After discussion, it was decided that work on sanctioned cases be expedited and got completed at the earliest.

Action: CEO & ADF Chamba.

(21) 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, installation of at least 5 hoardings of appropriate size, at strategic points be installed on NH-21 out of Society /HEP's funds, was approved subject to the condition that matter to be displayed on these hoardings be suitably finalized and work on these hoardings is in progress.

It was decided that matter & size of these hoardings be got approved prior to their preparation and besides 5 big size hoardings, few medium size hoardings may also be installed.

Action: DWF/CEO.

(22) Organization of Trout Fish Festival at Chandigarh:

Member Secretary informed that a sum of Rs. 4.75 lac were sanctioned and released by NFDB for the organization of Trout Fish Festival at Chandigarh as 50 % assistance, to the Department. Rs. 0.50 lac were sanctioned by HP Tourism Department for this event and balance amount Rs. 4.25 lac was

sanctioned to be provided 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.

He further informed that Fish festival was organized at Himachal Bhawan Chandigarh successfully and balance amount of Rs. 69331/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One) only has been utilized out of society funds.

It was noted & item was dropped.

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

DWF H.P. 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 and requested for decision regarding these paras at Govt. level.

He further requested that review of the society be undertaken 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.

After discussion, it was decided that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P. will discuss the audit paras with the Deptt. for their settlement and a committee shall be constituted at Govt. level for the review of HPAFMS under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P.

Item # 3:

1. Declaring HPAFMS as Executing Agency for the construction works:

Member Secretary submitted that DWF HP has informed that at present, all construction and repair works of the Fisheries Department are being executed through various agencies like HIMUDA, HPSIDC, HPPWD and I&PH Departments etc. These agencies are taking much time in the completion of projects/works of the department. There are some works assigned to HIMUDA which are still incomplete even after the gap of over 8 years despite deposit of full funds. As a result of this inordinate delay, Department has suffered great financial losses. In view of above, Department of Fisheries has approached the society to take up all construction/ renovation works of the

Department through Engineering Wing of the Society. Member Secretary proposed that in case Society has to undertake the construction works of the Department through its Engineering Wing, then following additional staff and infrastructure shall have to be created in the Society. In lieu of Departmental charges, Society may be allowed to charge it @ 8% whereas other agencies are charging it @ 9.5 % to 12.5%

1. One Executive Engineer (Civil) (Rtd.) - Rs. 20000/- to 25,000/- PM
2. One Junior Engineer (Civil) (Rtd)- Rs. 12,000/- PM
3. One Junior Engineer (Electrical) (Rtd)- Rs. 12,000/- PM
4. One Computer Operator/ Data Management Associate - NIELIT/(NICS) National Informatics Centre Services Inc./any other authorized agency by the Govt.)

In addition to above, against the post of Technical Assistant, one retired Head Draftsman has been engaged who is being paid honorarium @ 10,000/- per month and it is proposed that this post of Technical Assistant may be re-designated as Head Draftsman to work with Executive Engineer and his honorarium be enhanced to Rs. 13000/- PM Similarly, Honorarium of Project Engineer who is basically a retired Assistant Engineer (civil) be enhanced from Rs. 15,000/- PM to Rs. 18,000/- PM in order to share higher responsibilities and he may be re-designated as Assistant Engineer (Civil) only. Power of according technical sanction/ approve all the estimates technically be accorded to Executive Engineer (Civil). Further it is proposed to purchase one vehicle for the engineering wing of HPAFMS for conducting extensive touring in the state. Services of Driver may please be approved to be engaged through outsourcing.

After discussions, it was decided that all construction works of the Department assigned to HIMUDA be taken over by the Department immediately in the shape and condition, they are. Remaining part of these works be got executed by the engineering wing of HPAFMS. It was further decided that henceforth, all construction/renovation works of the Department for which the budget provision has been made for the year 2014-15, shall also be got executed through Engineering wing of the Society. House approved the hiring of a retired Executive Engineer (civil) on retainer ship basis/monthly honorarium @ Rs. 25,000/- who should have rendered atleast 20 years of combined service as Executive Engineer/Assistant Engineer/Junior Engineer. However Project Engineer

and Technical Assistant have been re-designated as Assistant Engineer (Civil) and Head Draftsman and they shall be paid honorarium @ Rs. 18000/- pm and Rs. 12,000/- pm respectively. Powers to approve the estimates technically were accorded to Executive Engineer (Civil) and Assistant Engineer (Civil) as under:-

Assistant Engineer (Civil):- upto Rs. 5.00 lac.

Executive Engineer (Civil):- Full powers.

It was decided that since HPAFMS is working for the facilitation of fisheries activities in the state, hence no departmental charges shall be paid to the Society in lieu of these construction/renovation works. Further, where estimates are required to be prepared urgently, it may be got done through outsourcing. Electrification work, of buildings/infrastructures be got done through outsourcing.

Action: DWF/CEO.

Item # 4:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR.

1. Hiring of an Advocate.

Member Secretary informed that one case of the HPAFMS is on trial in the Hon'ble Labour Court at Dharamshala. He pleaded for hiring of the services of one Advocate for pleading this case in the honorable court.

After discussion, hiring of one Advocate was approved for this case.

2. Hospitality & Entertainment charges.

Member Secretary requested the house to fix some amount for the hospitality & Entertainment in the office of CEO.

House after discussion approved it on actual expenditure bases.