

PROCEEDINGS OF 21st GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF H.P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY, BILASPUR HELD ON 13th JANUARY, 2016 AT 11.00 AM UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF MS. UPMA CHAUDHRY IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ARMSDALE BUILDING H.P. SECRETARIAT SHIMLA.

Following officers participated in the meeting:

#	Name & Designation	Position in the Society
1	Sh. Bhaskar Thakur, Under Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh	Member
2	Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Special Secretary (Finance) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh	Member
3	Sh. V.K. Puri, Deputy Director Fisheries, Trout Farm Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)	Member
4	Sh. Khem Singh Thakur, Assistant Director Fisheries , Pong Distt. Kangra (H.P.)	Member
5	Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Director Fisheries , Distt. Mandi (H.P.)	Member
6	Sh. Rajan Sud, Assistant Director Fisheries, Bilaspur Distt. Bilaspur	Member
7	Sh. Tapesch Chauhan, Assistant Director Fisheries, Shimla Distt. Shimla	Member
8	Sh. Lovel Kumar, Assistant Director Fisheries, Chamba Distt. Chamba	Member
9	Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries- cum-Chief Executive Officer, HP, Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society, Bilaspur (H.P)	Member Secretary

At the outset chairperson welcomed all the participating officers and asked member secretary to take up agenda items for discussion. Thereupon, the following items were discussed and decision taken are shown as below:

Item # 1:

CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF 20TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING.

The minutes of 20th Governing Council Meeting of H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 26th May 2014 were circulated to all the members and no comments has been received from any of the member, as such the item is put up for confirmation by the Governing Council.

Since no comments were received from any member hence proceedings of 20th Governing Council meeting were confirmed.

Item # 2:

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 20TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING:

Decisions taken in the 19th Governing Council Meeting vis-à-vis action taken are as under:-

i. BBMB SPONSORED PROJECT “PROMOTION OF FISHERIES IN THE RIPARIAN AREA OF SUKETI KHUD AND ITS ADJACENT STREAM”:

Member Secretary informed about the status of case that Rs. 72.00 Lakh received from BBMB under the above project have been allotted for various construction works at Fish Seed Farm Deoli (Ghagus) Distt. Bilaspur to HPSIDC but the construction works have not yet been completed. It was decided in the last meeting that Additional Secretary (Fisheries) will arrange a meeting with HPSIDC officers for early execution/completion of all these construction works, in a time bound manner.

He further informed that number of meetings and spot visits were held with HPSIDC engineers for early completion of these works. In total six works relating to water supply at Fish Farm Deoli (Bilaspur) were assigned to HPSIDC during near 2008-09 out of which five works have been completed whereas overhead tank for water storage is leaking. Executive Engineer HPSIDC Shimla had assured completion of this work also before 17th October, 2015 but leakage problem is still as such. Now Assistant Engineer, HPSIDC Mandi in a meeting held in the Directorate on 23rd December, 2015 has assured completion of remaining work before 31st December 2015, positively

After discussion Chairperson desired that a review meeting of all construction works of the Department assigned to HPSIDC shall be fixed soon in which these works will also be discussed for their early completion.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

ii. MAHSEER FISH SEED PROJECT

a. Construction part:

Member Secretary informed that construction work of Mahseer Fish Seed Farm at Machhial, Tehsil Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) has not been completed even after 9 years by HIMUDA despite repeated requests and joint inspections. Out of 13 components sanctioned in the estimate, HIMUDA has completed only 8 works and has 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.

He further informed that as per decision taken at government level, all these works have been taken over in the condition they were and remaining works have been assigned to the engineering wing of HPAFMS. Works undertaken by this wing are in progress.

After discussion, it was decided that review meeting of all the works assigned to HIMUDA has since been fixed immediately after this meeting, hence this work will also be discussed in the said meeting.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

b. Biological part:

Member Secretary informed that Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand 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, consultancy services of Dr. S.N. Ogale, a Mahseer breeding expert, retired from Tata Power company Lonavalla (Maharashtra) have been hired and staff posted at this farm is working as per guidance of Dr. S.N. Ogale for the raising of brood stock of Golden Mahseer at this farm.

He further informed that departmental staff posted at this Mahseer farm is raising brood stock of Golden Mahseer strictly under the guidance of Dr. S.N. Ogale. Males have already gained full gonadal maturity whereas ovaries of females have also been found full of eggs but eggs have not started detaching for the facilitation of egg laying. However trials to breed this fish shall be conducted during next summer months.

Chairperson expressed satisfaction over the progress made and asked the Department to continue with the breeding trials under the guidance of consultant.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

iii. 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 installed at Trout Farm Patlikuhl and a sum of Rs. 27.7354 lac were allotted to HIMUDA for the construction of three aqua shops at Sultanpur (Chamba), Deoli (Bilaspur) & Barot (Mandi) has been completed while construction work of aqua shop at Dhamwari (Shimla) has a certain shortcomings. He further informed that :

- As per decision taken at government level, possession of Aqua shop at Dhamwari in the shape and condition it was, has been taken over from HIMUDA and the remaining works shall be got completed by the engineering wing of HPAFMS.
- 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 but release of funds is still awaited from GOI.

After discussion, Chairperson directed that remaining work of aquashop be got completed by the engineers of HPAFMS soon and a DO letter be sent to Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Gol for the release of second installment.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

iv. 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 was 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 and one transformer has also been installed out of HPAFMS funds, for electric connection through HPSEB. 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 has also been got approved and Ice Plant has been handed over to Fish Cooperative Society, Dobar for further use. He further informed that Government 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 Chairperson desired that a DO letter be sent to Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Govt for the release of second installment.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

v. 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 the Engineers of HPAFMS / Horticulture wing of PWD. He further informed that beautification work of fish farm Deoli (Bilaspur) and Trout farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) has been got executed through engineering wing of HPAFMS and completed.

After discussion Chairperson expressed satisfaction over this progress and item was dropped.

vi. UPGRADING OF EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES:

Member Secretary informed that there are two training centers of the Department, each at Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) and Fish Farm Deoli (Bilaspur) where two projectors have been provided by the Society. As decided in the last meeting, two Laptops have also been provided. It was decided to update the booklets / brochures in English as well as in Hindi which afterwards shall be published out of society funds. He further informed that brochures have been got published and updation work of booklets in English have also been completed whereas translation of the same in Hindi is nearing completion which is being done by Ms. Chanchal Thakur, Senior Fisheries Officer.

After getting assurance from Ms. Chanchal Thakur, SFO that translation work shall be completed within one month. It was desired to get the same completed within one month and booklets published out of society funds.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO & SFO

vii. 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. For making proper use of

this infrastructure 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. He further informed that training to Cook-cum-chowkidars have already been imparted at Hotel Sagar View Bilaspur and a sum of Rs. 1,52,268/- have been realized as revenue during 2014-15 and Rs. 1,25,343/- during 2015-16 upto November, 2015 by the Department from these infrastructures.

After discussion, it was decided that a fresh proposal for enhancing stay charges of Anglers in these infrastructures be sent to Govt. for approval so that more revenue is generated.

Action: DWF

viii. PURCHASE OF MOTOR BOATS FOR THE RESERVOIRS.

Member Secretary informed that two new FRP motor boats have been purchased, each for Gobind Sagar and Pong Reservoir, which are being used for fisheries conservation by the Department. Hiring charges of one motor boat available in Gobind Sagar during free time has been fixed for use by tourists @ Rs. 2000/- per hour by the Department and it was decided to contact Director Transport for the registration of these motor boats for their use by tourists during free hours. Since Ferry Act is not applicable in Pong reservoir, hence motor boat available in Pong reservoir could not be got registered for use by the tourists during such hours when these motor boats are free from fisheries conservation.

After discussion, Chairperson desired that wide publicity be made for the use of motor boat kept in Gobind Sagar reservoir and if there is no response then this item may be brought in the next meeting for taking further decision.

Action: DWF & ADF Bilaspur

IX. 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 DWF HP may utilize balance funds for the skill upgradation of staff as well as for the purchase of more laboratory equipments in order to upgrade the status of this Pathological laboratory.

He further informed that training on pathological investigations has been got imparted to following Officers of the Department at CIFRI Barrackpore :-

1. Sh. V.K. Puri, DDF Patlikuhal
2. Sh. Rajinder Pal, Fisheries Officer.
3. Smt. Neetu Singh, Fisheries Officer.
4. Miss Richa Gupta, Fisheries Officer.

A sum of Rs. 82,694/- has been utilized out of these funds for this training and remaining funds are being utilized for the purchase of lab equipments for which supply order has already been placed after inviting tenders at Directorate level.

After discussion, it was decided that complete funds be utilized for the purpose these funds have been sanctioned.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

x) 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. Out of these funds, a sum of Rs. 58.00 lac depicted under the head "**creation of post Harvest and Value addition facilities**", were to be utilized for the distribution of Insulated boxes to the fishermen members of two fish cooperative societies, as well as large sized insulated boxes to the two fish cooperative societies of Gobind Sagar reservoir initially.

He further informed that Construction/renovation work of fish ponds as well as allied infrastructure at fish farm Nalagarh (Solan) is in progress through HPSIDC as well as

engineering wing of the Society. Maximum work has been completed and water area in the shape of nursery, rearing & stock ponds has been created where brood stock raising as well as fish seed production activity has also been started. Further, as per decision/approval of worthy chairman HPAFMS, insulated boxes have been purchased through e-tendering process and have been distributed @ one box of 25 ltr. capacity to each reservoir fisherman and three boxes of 100 ltr. capacity to all fish cooperative societies of Gobind Sagar reservoir , which may be approved. Fund utilization position under this scheme is given at last as annexure-I.

After discussion, action for the purchase and distribution of insulated boxes to all fishermen and fish cooperative societies of Gobind Sagar reservoir was approved and the utilization of balance funds in a time bound manner was emphasized.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

Xi) 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 constructed by HIMUDA at Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu). It was decided to take over the possession of Angling Lake in the shape & condition it was from HIMUDA and remaining work be got completed through the Engineers of HPAFMS Bilaspur. As per decision, possession of Angling lake at Patlikuhal has been taken over from HIMUDA in the shape and condition it was and remaining work shall be got completed through engineers of HPAFMS and side by side this angling lake has been opened for the anglers as per policy of angling already framed and finalized by the Governing Council. Chairperson desired to know the progress made in the use of this lake by anglers in the reply of which Deputy Director Fisheries Patlikuhl informed that anglers are visiting this lake for their enjoy.

After discussion, Deputy Director Fisheries, Patlikuhl was directed to make wide publicity of this lake for generating more revenue and item was dropped.

Action: DDF Patlikuhl

Xii) 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 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 for the Department of Fisheries against vacant posts. He further informed that three computer operators have been engaged for the Department from authorized service provider agency i.e. M/S Saraswati Dot Com Pvt. Ltd., Shimla after obtaining financial sanction from chairman HPAFMS.

Since action has been taken on the decision, hence item was dropped.

Xiii) 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 @ 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/(NICSI) National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICSI)/any other authorized agency by the Govt.) and one Computer Operator/Data Management Associate through NIELIT/NICSI/any other authorized agency by the Govt. He further informed that one Office Manager have been engaged from retired Supdt. Gr-II level and one Computer Operator have been engaged through service provider agency i.e. M/S Sarswati Dot Com Pvt. Ltd. Shimla.

Since action has been taken on the decision, hence item was dropped.

(Xiv) DEMAND OF HELPERS AT FISH SEED FARMS

Member Secretary informed that in face of the acute shortage of helper staff at Trout and Carp Farms, it was decided to engage following helpers through outsourcing.

1. Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu):- 2
2. Carp Farm Deoli (Una) :- 2

3. Carp Farm Nalagarh (Solan):- 1
4. Carp farm Deoli (Bilaspur) :- 1
5. Trout Farm Patlikuhal (Kullu):- 2 (During July to September)
6. Trout Hatchery Batahar :- 1(During July to September)

He further informed that in addition to above approval, one extra helper has been engaged at fish farm Nalagarh (Solan) after obtaining approval from worthy chairman HPAFMS because brood stock raising and fish seed production work was started at this farm. It is pertinent to mention here that two helpers provided at fish farm Nalagarh (Solan) and two at fish farm Deoli (Una) are being paid out of the funds got earmarked for operational functioning of these farms out of NMPS funds and rest are paid from HPAFMS funds. Further informed that since both these farms have been made operational and there is a need to deploy more helpers at both these farms for making them fully productive. Hence it is proposed that deployment of one more helper be sanctioned for fish farm Nalagarh (Solan) and one for Fish farm Deoli (Una) through outsourcing who will be paid out of the funds earmarked from NMPS for operational functioning of these farms.

After discussion action taken for the deployment of one extra helper at fish farm Nalagarh district Solan was approved for duration of project/ as per requirement. Further, as proposed deployment of one helper at fish farm Nalagarh (Solan) and one at fish farm Deoli (Una) was also approved to be hired through outsourcing with subject to the condition that wages of these helpers shall be charged to the funds sanctioned under NMPS and after the expiry of these funds ,the services of said helpers hired through outsourcing shall be terminated.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

Xiv) 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 (Rs. 668.00 lac)

Member Secretary informed that as per decision, funds to the tune of Rs. 668.00 lac sanctioned under this project are being utilized for the upgradation and expansion of Fish Farm Deoli, Distt Una through HPSIDC and work is in progress. It was decided that

out of the funds of Rs. 58.00 lac depicted under the head “**Creation of post Harvest and Value addition facilities**”, were to be utilized for the distribution of Insulated boxes, 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. He further informed that construction/renovation work of fish ponds as well as allied infrastructure at fish farm Deoli (Una) is in progress through HPSIDC as well as engineering wing of HPAFMS. Some works has been completed and water area in the shape of 26 nursery ponds and 12 rearing ponds has been created out of which six nursery ponds and five rearing ponds are retaining water and the agency has been asked to complete remaining ponds also in a time bound manner. However, brood stock raising as well as fish seed production activity has also been started in the available water area. Further, as per decision/approval of worthy chairman HPAFMS, insulated boxes have been purchased through e-tendering process and have been distributed @ one box of 25 ltr. capacity to each reservoir fisherman and three boxes of 100 ltr. capacity to all fish cooperative societies of Pong reservoir, Chamera and Ranjeet Sagar dam. Fund utilization position under this scheme is given at last as annexure-II.

After discussion, action for the purchase and distribution of insulated boxes to all fishermen and fish cooperative societies of Pong reservoir, Chamera and Ranjeet Sagar dam was approved and the utilization of balance funds in a time bound manner was emphasized.

Action: DWF-cum-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 are being utilized in districts Una, Solan and Kangra. He further informed that all cases of pond construction and hatchery etc. have been sanctioned and maximum work have been got done through beneficiaries. Further, as per decision, tender for the establishment of feed mill at Fish Seed Farm Deoli of Una district has been finalized through e-tendering process and civil work is nearing completion and installation of machinery part is pending.

Issue of financial assistance under FFDA programme came up for discussion where subsidy component for the construction of fish ponds is 20% & 25% only for general and SC, ST and unit cost is only Rs. 4.00 lac per ha. whereas NMPS scheme have been closed by Gol where subsidy pattern was 40% with increased unit cost. Chairperson desired that a proposal based on actual estimate should be prepared on NMPS pattern for providing financial assistance under FFDA programme and sent to Gol for approval. Further it was decided that all the works be completed in a time bound manner for the early and fruitful utilization of funds.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

Xv) 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 establishment of carp hatcheries, construction of nursery, fish ponds & and establishment of feed mill at Fish Farm Sultanpur (Chamba) besides creation of post harvest infrastructural facilities. Regarding implementation of 2nd scheme, funds to the tune of Rs. 334.00 lac has been transferred to CIFRI- Barrackpore for the demonstration of **“Cage Fish Culture”** in state reservoirs by the Department. He further informed that all cases under the scheme named **“ Aquaculture Development through Integrated Approach”** have been sanctioned in the Districts like Una, Solan, Sirmour, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kangra & Chamba. Funds received under this scheme during the year 2012-13 & 2013-14 have been clubbed and total funds of Rs. 500.00 lac are being utilized collectively. Progress report of funds received and utilized under this scheme during 2012-13 & 2013-14 is given in Annexure-III.

After discussion, Chairperson desired completion of all above works in a time bound manner for the early and fruitful utilization of funds.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

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

Member Secretary informed that under NFDB programme, four Mobile Fish Market vehicles have been purchased in the state with 90% financial assistance from NFDB and 10% contribution from HPAFMS. He further informed that all four mobile fish market vehicles have been purchased and further outsourced to two fish cooperative societies of Gobind Sagar reservoir namely Dobar and Balra, one fish cooperative society named Seyul khad of Pong reservoir and one fish cooperative society named Raj Nagar of Chamera reservoir. These vehicles are being used by the fish cooperative societies in their respective areas.

After discussion, Chairperson desired to know that why one Mobile Fish Market Vehicle was not taken to Muktsar for 8th National Livestock Expo-2016 despite clear cut directions. DWF will submit the report on this issue. The agreement signed with Fish Cooperative Society may also be reviewed in this context.

Action DWF & DDF (Hqrs.)

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

Member Secretary informed that consequent upon the decision taken by worthy chairman HPAFMS-cum-Additional Chief Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in connection with a court case of Fish Federation Bilaspur for the clearance of dues of the employees of erst-while Fish Federation, a building of Fish Federation situated in Bilaspur town was purchased after depositing Rs. 12.00 lac as advance money and for rest of payment value was to be assessed by HPPWD, for which Society had already deposited sum of Rs. 26,39,000/- with the Liquidator-cum District Inspector Cooperative Societies Bilaspur but Liquidator had returned the cheque of Rs. 14,39,000/- back to the society and he has neither handed over the possession of said building to the Department nor yet refunded back the advance of Rs, 12.00 lac with interest as well as evaluation charges of Rs 23,900/- paid to HP,PWD despite of issuance of several notices. Further, it was decided at Govt. level that some time should be given to Liquidator for depositing this money which is upto 4.2.2016 only but no action has been initiated so far by the Liquidator.

After discussion, it was decided that the Chairperson will discuss this issue with Registrar Cooperative Society, HP to either handover the possession of building or refund the amount with upto date interest as well as evaluation charges.

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

Member Secretary informed that in previous meetings, an amount of Rs. 20.00 lac was sanctioned for the construction of trout raceways in tribal areas out of HPAFMS funds, as financial assistance for the construction of 20 Trout Raceways in Tribal areas of Bharmour & Pangji in Chamba Distt. on RKVY pattern. So far, Rs. 16.00 lac has been sanctioned for the construction of 16 Trout raceways in private sector in these areas. He further submitted the progress report of this item which is as under:

1. Bharmour:	Units sanctioned	:10
	Work completed	: 9
	Balance	: 1(Did not start the work yet)
2. Pangji:	Units sanctioned	: 6
	Units completed	: 2
	Balance	: 4 (Did not start the work yet)

Chairperson wanted to know from ADF Chamba the reason of slow progress in this project who informed that he will be able to complete sanctioned 9 units during this year whereas other 6 units pertains to Assistant Director Animal Health & Breeding, Pangji, (Kilar) who has completed only 2 units. After discussion, it was decided that DWF-cum-CEO will obtain factual position from the filed officers and in case they are not able to get the remaining units constructed then assistance sanctioned may be cancelled from CEO level.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

Xix) 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 was decided to install at least 5 hoardings of appropriate size, at

strategic points on NH-21 out of Society funds, subject to the condition that matter to be displayed on these hoardings be suitably finalized. He further informed that after getting the matter approved these hoardings shall be got prepared and installed through DDF, Patlikuhl and ADF Mandi.

After discussion, this proposal was approved and it was decided that these hoardings should be installed within two months.

Action: DDF, Patlikuhl & ADF Mandi

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

Member Secretary informed that Accountant General Himachal Pradesh has raised audit paras in the Department of Fisheries pertaining to the formation of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society and its functioning. These paras are mainly on the deposit of income of activities centres of the society into society account and deposit of fisheries development funds being received from HEP's into society account's. He further informed that consequent upon the service of a notice from Income Tax Department, Society has applied for exemption under section 10 (46) of Income Tax Act.

In order to take action on these issues, a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Special Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and based on the recommendations of this committee, a decision was taken a Govt. level that income of the activity centres of the society i.e. trout farm Patlikuhl, Barot and fish farm Deoli (Bilaspur) be deposited in to Govt. Treasury instead of HP AFMS accounts but fisheries development funds being received from HEP's for the mitigation of fisheries losses caused due to the construction of Hydel Projects which has stopped fish migration for their breeding and feeding both, shall be continued to be deposited in the Society account.

During the course of discussion, chairperson felt that decision of depositing income of activity centres of the society into Govt. Treasury needs re-consideration since Society is doing important work for the strengthening of the Department and its developmental schemes. Participating in the discussion Special Secretary (Finance) to the Govt. of HP was also of the same view and he proposed that in case complete income of these centres is not deposited in the Society then atleast 50% part of the income of these activity centres can be deposited in the Society to keep its working smoothly as has happened in some other cases. DWF HP and other members also pointed out that since these funds are being received from the HEP's for the mitigation of fisheries losses being caused by the construction of dams across state rivers, and these funds are meant for compensating fisheries losses hence funds should be deposited in Society account. Chairperson was also of the same view that fisheries development funds should not be deposited in the Treasury as these funds are required to be utilized for mitigating fisheries losses in the state.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that DWF-cum-CEO will get a note from Chartered Accountant of the Society rational of Society being under the purview of Income Tax and status of the case filled for Income Tax exemption under section 10 (46) of Income Tax Act. Further, a note shall be prepared and submitted by DWF regarding audit paras raised by AGHP pertaining to the formation of HP AFMS and deposit of income of activity centres into Govt. Treasury instead of Society account and paras raised regarding fisheries development funds of HEP's also for further discussion with Principal AGHP/concerned quarter.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

Item # 3. New Items:

1. Expenditure statement of the Society for the year 2013-14 & 2014-15

Member Secretary informed that accounts of the Society for the year 2013-14 & 2014-15 has been prepared by the Chartered Accountant of the Society and same were placed before the House for approval which are enclosed as Annexure –IV.

After detailed discussion the account of HPAFMS for the year 2013-14 & 2014-15 prepared by Charter Accountant of the Society were approved by the house with one observation of Special Secretary (Finance) that possibility be explored for keeping the funds in mutual funds instead of FDR's. CEO was asked to examine this possibility and act further.

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

Member Secretary informed that it was decided in the last meeting 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 Draughtsman 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.

He informed 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.

He further informed that action has been taken on all above decisions besides monthly honorarium of Head Draughtsman which was increased from Rs. 12000/- to Rs. 15000/- with the prior approval of worthy chairman HPAFMS and this needs approval of the Governing Council.

Engineering wing of HPAFMS started its functioning from July 2014 with a component of only three retired engineers i.e. one Executive Engineer(c), one Assistant Engineer(C) & one Head Draughtsman.

Progress report of Engineering Wing:

Since July, 2014, 43 construction/ repair works of the Department has been undertaken by this engineering wing and out of which 15 works has been completed till November, 2015 and rest of 25 works are in progress whereas 3 works are being processed for tenders, detail of which is as under:-

Sr.No.	Status of work	Number	Amount of A/A & E/S	Amount received	Expenditure incurred
1.	Works completed	15	3392875	3392875	3392875
2.	Works in progress	25	73404200	72804200	23725020
3.	Works under process for tenders	3	5426200	5426200	----

Since engineers of this wing has to travel for the inspection of various works in different districts falling in far flung/remote areas and work in the office of CEO, HPAFMS has also increased manifold like typing of estimates, completion of tender process, issuance of award letters, maintenance of accounts etc. hence, following are the important requirements of this wing which are proposed for approval, please

1. Hiring of one permanent taxi on the rates fixed by Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur be allowed to engineers wing.
2. One office manager for the maintenance of records preferably retired Supdt. Gr-II or a competent person through service provider agency.
3. Part time services of A.E./J.E Electrical.
4. Annual increase for the engineers engaged in the society.

After discussion on this item, monthly honorarium of Head Draughtsman increased to Rs. 15,000/- was approved. It was decided that details of the staff engaged, monthly expenditure on the staff already engaged through society in the Department as well as in Society and likely financial implication be detailed and proposal brought for consideration in next meeting. DWF-cum-CEO was asked to provide the same for taking decision on this item.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

New agenda items:

1. Incentive for the staff posted at fish farms:

Member Secretary informed that Himachal Pradesh is a fish seed deficit state but in the past few years, adequate funds have been provided for the strengthening of water supply systems, upgradation and extension of water area with provision of high-tech facilities at our fish farms. Now we are at a stage where more than 70% fish farms are equipped with such like facilities and can produce sufficient fish seed at our farms. Staff posted at the farms is being imparted training on various aspects from National institutes/ universities/training centres for upgrading their skills. In order to create enthusiasm in them, it is proposed to provide them an incentive in case they achieve their targets of fish seed (fry/fingerlings) production/fish production/feed production in full or even if they exceed the targets then incentive too may be increased proportionately and a letter of appreciation will of course give a boost to their zeal. So following incentive is proposed for the staff posted at Departmental fish seed farms:-

1.	In case of full achievement of targets	Rs. 1000/- per employee+ letter of appreciation.
2.	In case of 10% increase in the achievement of targets	Rs. 1500/- per employee+ letter of appreciation.
3.	In case of 20% increase in the achievement of targets	Rs. 2000/- per employee+ letter of appreciation.

After discussion this proposal was not approved.

Replacement of Society vehicle:

Member Secretary informed that at present there is only one old vehicle (Qualis) in the Society which was purchased during the year 2003 and has covered 2,50,000/-kms. This vehicle has over lived its life and covered the minimum mileage for getting it condemned and expenditure on its repair etc. is also going very high. So it is proposed that this society vehicle may please be allowed to be condemned and

permission/sanction to purchase new vehicle as a replacement of this old vehicle out of Society funds may please be accorded.

After discussion, it was decided that proper procedure should be observed for declaring the vehicle make "Quails" condemned. Further, it was decided that after completing all the codal formalities new vehicle of equivalent model/ standard may be purchased.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

2. Decision regarding two employees of the Society engaged on contract basis

Member Secretary informed that there are two employees who were appointed in the society on contract basis after completing all the codal formalities who have completed more than six years of service in the Society. Detail of these employees is as under:-

1. Sh. Madan Singh, Driver w.e.f. 25-06-2009
2. Sh. Suneel Sharma, Clerk w.e.f. 02-09-2009

As per policy of the state Govt. contract employees who have completed five years of service are to be regularized. It is submitted that some decision either for the regularization of their services in the Society or for increasing their emoluments proportionately, may please be taken.

During discussion on this item, Special Secretary (Finance) observed that there is no such provision of regularization of contractual employee in the societies. However, Department may consider appointment and regularization of these employees against vacant posts.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

3. Regarding floating of tenders of works upto Rs. 5.00 lac from CEO level.

Member Secretary informed that as per decision, all construction/renovation works are to be executed by the engineers of HPAFMS. So in order to fasten the tender process, Chief Executive Officer may be authorized to float tenders of estimated cost upto Rs. 5.00 lac and beyond Rs. 5.00 lac tenders shall be floated after obtaining the approval of chairman/chairperson HPAFMS.

After discussion this proposal was approved by the House.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks with the chair.