

PROCEEDINGS OF 23rd GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF H.P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY, BILASPUR HELD ON 25TH JULY, 2017 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. ARVIND MEHTA IAS, ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY(FISHERIES) TO GOVT. OF H.P. IN HIS OFFICE CHAMBER OM H.P. SECRETARIAT SHIMLA.

Following officers participated in the meeting:

#	Name & Designation	Position in the Society
1	Ms. Naveen Sharma, Deputy Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh	Member
2	Sh. Ramesh Chand Sharma, Section Officer , Representative of (Finance) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh	Member
3	Ms. Neetu Singh Representative of Deputy Director Fisheries, Trout Farm Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)	Member
4	Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Director Fisheries , Pong Distt. Kangra (H.P.)	Member
5	Sh. Khem Singh Thakur, Assistant Director Fisheries , Distt. Mandi (H.P.)	Member
6	Sh. Shyam Lal, Assistant Director Fisheries, Bilaspur Distt. Bilaspur	Member
7	Sh. Tapesh 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.

Member Secretary informed that minutes of 22nd Governing Council Meeting of H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 19th September 2016 were circulated to all the members and no comments has been received from any of the member, as such the item was put up for confirmation by the Governing Council.

Since no comments were received from any member hence proceedings of 22nd Governing Council meeting were confirmed.

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

Member Secretary informed that Rs. 72.00 Lakh received from BBMB under the above project were deposited with HPSIDC for various construction works at fish seed farm Deoli (Ghagus) Distt. Bilaspur during the year 2009 and almost all the construction works have been completed. There was water leakage problem in the overhead tank which has been attended by HPSIDC and all works has been taken over from HPSIDC after conducting joint inspection.

Worthy Chairman wanted to know that how many ponds are fed by this supply on which Member Secretary informed that 27 ponds are fed by this water supply.

After discussion, this item was dropped.

(ii) MAHSEER FISH SEED PROJECT:

a. Construction part:

Member Secretary informed that construction work of Mahseer Fish Seed Farm at Machhial, Tehsil Jogindernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) was assigned to HIMUDA during the year 2006 which was not completed by them even after 8 years. It was decided at Govt. level during the year 2014 to take over all works from HIMUDA in the shape & condition, these were and remaining works be got completed through the Engineering wing of HPAFMS Bilaspur.

In compliance to this decision, balance works of this farm were assigned to the engineering wing of HPAFMS by arranging Rs. 47.00 lac from RKVY by the Department out of which all works have been completed except one which is under tendering process. Regarding release of balance payment to HIMUDA, a three member committee comprising one retired Chief Engineer, Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries & Chief Engineer HIMUDA was constituted at Govt. level for conducting evaluation of this work. As per report of the committee, revised estimates of this work were received from HIMUDA which were approved by Govt.. after the receipt of which, balance payment has also been released to HIMUDA by the Department.

Member Secretary wanted to know about the capacity of this farm on which Member Secretary informed that target of 1 Lac fingerlings production has been assigned to the consultant hired for this purpose.

After discussion it was decided to get the remaining work completed by engineering wing of HPAFMS.

b. Biological part:

Member Secretary informed that breeding technology of Golden Mahseer for mass scale seed production is not available in the country but since this mandate pertains to ICAR, Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research (DCFR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand, hence the matter was taken up with this institute but the same had declined to provide this technology. There after, consultancy services of Dr. S.N. Ogale, a Mahseer expert retired from Tata Power Company, Lonavalla (MS) were hired and Department was working very hard under his guidance for the breeding of this fish with the brood stock already raised at Mahseer farm Machhial Tehsil Joginder Nagar Distt. Mandi.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that Department has succeeded in breeding this precious fish named "Golden Mahseer" at its Mahseer farm Machhial under the guidance of Dr. S.N. Ogale (consultant) and could produce over 8000 eggs during August 2016. Further, on 8th & 9th September 2016, during second breeding trials conducted at this farm, over 10500 fertilized eggs have been taken by the Departmental staff which are being raised and some seed has been stocked also.

He further informed that in the last meeting, house had felt great satisfaction over this success and congratulated the Department for this breakthrough. It was further decided that a letter of appreciation be issued to the Fisheries Officer, Machhial Tehsil Jogindernagar Distt. Mandi and all the staff members deployed at this farm. He informed that appreciation letters has been issued to the staff working at Machhial farm. Further, Department is conducting more breeding trials of Mahseer and intends to continue the consultancy of Dr. S.N. Ogle till the achievement of the target of one lac fingerlings at this farm.

After discussion, house approved the action of the Department and decided to complete the target and made this farm fully functional.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

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

Member Secretary informed that a project amounting to Rs. 100.00 lac was 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 four aqua shops, the work of which has also been completed .

- Government of India has been requested for the release of 2nd installment of Rs. 50.00 lac but release of funds is still awaited from GOI.

It was decided in the last meeting that DWF-cum-CEO will expedite this case with GOI during his visits to Delhi.

Member Secretary informed that a DO letter was issued by ACS (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P. to Government of India for the release of 2nd installment of Rs 50.00 lac and followed by reminders. Issue was discussed by Director-cum-warden of Fisheries with Joint Secretary (Fisheries) and Joint Commissioner Fisheries, Govt. of India during his visits to Delhi but balance amount has not yet been released by Govt. of India.

After discussion, Chairman desired that a letter issued to GOI from DWF-cum-CEO HPAFMS and a DO letter be drafted from ACS(Fisheries) to Secy. DADF for releasing the balance amount if this project has not been merged in “Blue Revolution”.

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 project amounting to Rs. 79.00 lac was sanctioned by Govt. of India out of which first installment of Rs. 25.00 lac was received which has been utilized for the establishment of one “Ice Plant” at Dobar (Gobind Sagar Reservoir) which has been leased out to fish co-operative Society Dobar (Gobind Sagar) and is under use.

It was decided in the last meeting that DWF-cum-CEO will expedite this case with GOI during his visits to Delhi.

He further informed that a DO letter was issued by ACS (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P. to Government of India for the release of 2nd installment of Rs 50.00 lac followed by reminders and issue was discussed by Director-cum-warden of Fisheries with Joint Secretary (Fisheries) and Joint Commissioner Fisheries, Govt. of India during his visit to Delhi but balance amount has not yet been released by Govt. of India.

After discussion, Chairman desired that a letter issued to GOI form DWF-cum-CEO HPAFMS and a DO letter be drafted from ACS(Fisheries) to Secy. DADF for releasing the balance amount if this project has not been merged in “Blue Revolution”.

Action: DWF

- (v) **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/- were remaining as balance amount and Rs. 81,720/- were utilized for imparting training to the officials at CIFRI Barrackpore and Rs. 3,80,280/- were lying pending with the Society. In the last meeting, it was decided that complete funds be utilized for the purpose these funds have been sanctioned.

He further informed that a sum of Rs. 2,78,500/- has already been utilized for the purchase of laboratory equipments and balance funds of Rs. 1,01,780/- remained unutilized which has already been transferred to DDF Patlikuhl for the purchase of laboratory equipments. Member Secretary informed that DDF Patlikuhl has placed the supply order and supply is awaited.

It was decided that be made in the next meeting.

Action: DDF Patlikuhl

- (vi) **UTILIZATION OF FUNDS (668.00) LAC SANCTIONED UNDER NMPS – A COMPONENT OF RKVY FOR INITIATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME, IN STATE RESERVOIRS DURING 2011-12 .**

Member Secretary informed that funds to the tune of Rs. 668 lac were received under NMPS- a component of RKVY during 2011-12 for ‘Cage Culture’ by the Department of Fisheries which were to be utilized in Society mode for the upgradation/expansion of fish seed farm Nalagarh Distt. Solan and the works are being executed through HPSIDC and engineering wing of HPAFMS, which are nearing completion. Detail of works sanctioned, funds utilized, funds in balance and proposal for re-appropriation of balance funds, is given at **Annexure-1**.

Member Secretary apprised the house in detail about utilization of these funds as per approval of competent authority through HPSIDC, engineering wing of HPAFMS and Deptt. of Fisheries H.P. Chairman desired that re-appropriation proposal be put up on file separation.

Chairman desired that Budget estimates of HPAFMS be prepared for the financial year and got approved in next meeting which may be held shortly.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

(vii) UTILIZATION OF FUNDS (918.00 LAC) SANCTIONED UNDER NMPS- A COMPONENT OF RKVY, FOR INITITATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME, IN STATE RESERVOIRS AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT, DURING 2012-13.

Member Secretary informed that this scheme has two components as detailed below:-

a) FUNDS AMOUNTING TO Rs. 668.00 LAC RECEIVED UNDER NMPS – A COMPONENT OF RKVY FOR INITIATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME, IN STATE RESERVOIRS DURING 2012-13 .

It was informed that funds to the tune of Rs. 668.00 lac received under NMPS- a component of RKVY during 2011-12 for 'Cage Culture' by the Department of Fisheries which were to be utilized in Society mode for the upgradation/expansion of fish seed farm Deoli (Gagret) Distt. Una and the works are being executed through HPSIDC and engineering wing of HPAFMS, which are nearing completion. Detail of works sanctioned, funds utilized , funds in balance and proposal for re-appropriation of balance funds, is given at **Annexure-2**.

He informed that funds have been utilized head wise as per approval accorded in the previous meetings. Re-appropriation proposal of balance funds as per need is enclosed in **Annexure-2**, please.

After discussion, worthy Chairman desired that re-appropriation proposal be put up on file separately.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

b) Aquaculture Development through Integrated Approach:

Member Secretary informed that as per approval of SLSC, a sum of Rs. 250.00 lac sanctioned under this scheme have been utilized in districts Una, Solan and Kangra which has been clubbed with the same quantum of funds received under this scheme

during 2013-14. Detail of the funds amounting to Rs. 500.00 lac (2012-13 & 2013-14) is given at **Annexure-3**.

He further informed that funds have been utilized head wise as per approval accorded in the previous meetings.

(viii) UTILIZATION OF FUNDS (584.00 LAC) SANCTIONED UNDER NMPS- A COMPONENT OF RKVY, FOR INITIATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME, IN STATE RESERVOIRS AND AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT, DURING 2013-14.

Member Secretary informed that this scheme has two components as detailed below:-

a) FUNDS AMOUNTING TO Rs. 334.00 LAC RECEIVED UNDER NMPS – A COMPONENT OF RKVY FOR INITIATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME, IN STATE RESERVOIRS DURING 2013-14

Member Secretary informed that funds to the tune of Rs. 334.00 lac were transferred to CIFRI- Barrackpore during January 2014 for the demonstration of “**Cage Fish Culture**” in state reservoirs by the Department. CIFRI could install 24 cages in Gobind Sagar and 24 cages in Pong reservoir during December 2015 only. In a meeting held with DG, ICAR by ACS (Fisheries) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on 1st February 2016 in Krishi Bhawan Delhi, it was decided that CIFRI will introduce fish seed in the cages immediately and out of Rs. 100.00 lac earmarked for the creation of post harvest and value addition facilities, Rs. 60.00 lac were transferred to ICAR, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) Kochin for value addition facilities and Rs. 40.00 lac to Department of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh for the construction of sheds to accommodate machinery part. Construction work of sheds has been completed and CIFT- Cochin is in the process of installation of Machinery for value addition.

Member Secretary further informed that fish seed of *Pangisius sutchi* was introduced by CIFRI in the cages installed in both the reservoirs during April 2016 which was harvested during November/December 2016 due to the reason that this fish could not survive during winters. Total fish harvested from the cages and value of the fish sold is as under:-

Sr. No.	Reservoir	Weight (Kg.)	Value (Rs.)
1.	Gobind sagar	6940.00	5,01,250.00
2.	Pong reservoir	19571.70	13,21,003.00
	Total;-	26511.70	18,22,253.00

In another meeting held with Director, CIFRI Barrackpore on 20-01-2017 at Himachal Bhawan Chandigarh regarding review of the scheme, Director, CIFRI desired that the institute may be given another one years time to demonstrate the technology for giving the desired results of 2.00 metric tonne per cage with the funds already available with them.

House is requested to extend guidance on the following points:-

1. Amount of sale proceeds of fish received has been kept in the saving bank accounts of concerned Assistant Director Fisheries of the reservoirs. Final decision regarding use/deposit of these funds be taken.

After discussion, it was decided that this amount of fish sale proceeds be kept in the account of respective ADF's till his complete of demonstration by CIFRI.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

b) Aquaculture Development through Integrated Approach:

Member Secretary informed that as per approval of SLSC, a sum of Rs. 250.00 lac sanctioned during 2013-14 were clubbed with the same quantum of funds received during 2012-13 making total of Rs. 500.00 lac under this scheme have been utilized in districts like Una, Solan, Sirmour, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kangra & Chamba. Detail of the utilization of funds amounting to Rs. 500.00 lac (2012-13 & 2013-14) is given at Annexure-3. Member Secretary further informed that under this scheme, 3 Carp hatcheries, 20 ha. Nursery ponds, 80 ha fish ponds, 2 fish feed mill plants besides post harvest infrastructures facilities for fish value addition has been created broadly in private sector.

After deliberation house felt satisfaction the progress and decided to utilize the balance funds for the purpose these are sanctioned.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

(ix) 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-Principal Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in connection with a court case of Fish Federation Bilaspur for the clearance of dues of its employees, 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. He nether handed over the possession of said building to the Department nor refunded 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.

As per decision taken Liquidator Fish Federation has been directed by Registrar, Cooperative Societies to deposit all the funds but despite several reminders funds has not been deposited by the Liquidator. Fresh reminder has been issued by ACS (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P. 31-05-2017

After detailed deliberation, Worthy Chairman desired that a DO letter be got issued to ACS (co-operative) to the GOHP with a copy to RCS and in case funds are not received, a meeting be arranged with ACS (cooperative).

Action: Dy. Secy (Fisheries)

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

Member Secretary informed that 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 & Pangi in Chamba Distt. on RKVY pattern during the year 2013-14. So far, Rs. 16.00 lac were sanctioned for the construction of 16 Trout raceways in private sector in these areas. The progress report is as under:

1. Bharmour:	Units sanctioned	:10 No.
	Work completed	: 9 Units
	Balance	: 1 did not start the work hence

farm Deoli (Bilaspur) be deposited into 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 and this decision has been implemented from October 2015.

In the last meeting, 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 at least 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 also. 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.

It was decided that DWF-cum-CEO will get a note from Chartered Accountant of the Society indicating rational of Society being under the purview of Income Tax and status of the case filed 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. As per decision taken in the last meeting a brief note on account of exemption of Society under section 10(46) of Income Tax was obtained from the Chartered Account which was later on submitted to Chairperson, HPAFMS-cum-ACS (Fish.) to the Govt. of H.P. (copy enclosed). Further, a note prepared by DWF regarding audit paras raised by AGHP pertaining to the formation of HPAFMS

has also been submitted to the Govt. Time for the meeting was sought from AGHP which could not materialize till today.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that CEO will pursue the Income Tax case with concerned through Chartered Accountant. Since accounts of the Fisheries Development Funds received/being received from HEP's are maintained by HPAFMS, hence it was unanimously decided that 50% amount of the interest accrued on these funds be utilized by HPAFMS for its activities/programmes, henceforth.

50% amount of the interest accrued on the funds received from HEP's are being deposited into Society account w.e.f. 20-09-2016 onwards and these funds are utilized by HPAFMS for its activities/programmes.

After discussion, it was decided to continue the existing system and to pursue the income tax case.

(xii) Expenditure statement of the Society for the year 2016-17.

Member Secretary informed that the accounts of the Society for the year 2016-17 has been prepared by the Chartered Accountant of the Society and the same are placed before the House for approval as 'Annexure 4'.

After discussion, house approved and adopted the accounts of the Society for 2016-17. It was further decided that henceforth audit of the Society be got conducted by A.G. H.P. also.

(xiii) Declaring HPAFMS as Executing Agency for the construction works:

Member Secretary informed that it was decided during 2014 that all construction works of the Department assigned to HIMUDA be taken over by the Department immediately in the shape and condition, they are, and remaining part of these works be got executed by the Engineering Wing of HPAFMS. It was further decided that henceforth, construction/renovation works of the Department for which the budget provision has been made, shall also be got executed through Engineering Wing of the Society. Powers to approve the estimates technically were accorded to Executive Engineer (Civil) and Assistant Engineer (Civil) as under:-

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

2. Executive Engineer (Civil):- Full powers.

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 and recently one JE (civil) has also been added through outsourcing.

Member Secretary further informed that uptill now, 75 works have been undertaken by this wing in the state covering districts like Chamba, Una, Kangra, Mandi, Kullu, Bilaspur & Solan amounting to Rs. 16.18 crore. Out of these 75 works, 42 works amounting to Rs. 2.42 crore have been completed whereas 33 works amounting to Rs. 13.68 crore are in progress and against these works payment amounting to Rs. 5.18 crore have been released.

Following decisions were taken in the last meeting:-

1. Henceforth Departmental charges @ 5% in lieu of construction/renovation works to be executed by the Engineering Wing of HPAFMS were allowed to be charged by the Society.
2. One permanent Taxi preferably Bolero or of equivalent make was allowed to be hired for use by the Engineering Wing of HPAFMS on the rates approved by the Deputy Commissioner, expenditure on which shall be charged to works.
3. Engagement of one Office Manager for the maintenance of records preferably a retired Supdt. Gr.-II was approved @ Rs. 15,000/- pm. Further considering one application of Sh. Piar Singh who has retired as Supdt. Gr.-II from the Directorate of Fisheries during March, 2015, all members were of the view that since he is well conversant with the working of Department of Fisheries, shri Piar Singh be engaged on this post. So engagement of Sh. Piar Singh as Office Manager on monthly honorarium of Rs. 15,000/-pm was approved by the Governing Council for one year which is likely to be extended on year to year basis.
4. Engagement of two Technical Assistants/ Supervisors (Diploma holder) either retired on honorarium basis @ Rs. 10,000/- pm or through service providing Agency at the rates fixed by the Govt. was approved by the Governing Council.
5. Engagement of one retired Junior Engineer (electrical) and one JE (civil) @ Rs. 12,000/- pm or through Service Providing Agency at the rates fixed by the Govt. was approved by the governing Council.

6. Annual increase of 5% in the honorarium of engaged engineering staff was approved for one year from 1st October,2016.

Member Secretary informed that following action has been taken on the decisions:-

- 1 Departmental charges @ 5% has been started w.e.f. 20-9-2017 to meet out expenditure of Engineering staff.
- 2 One taxi (Alto) has been hired for the use of Engineering Wing on the rates approved by the Deputy Commissioner.
- 3 One retired Supdt. Gr.-II has been engaged as Office Manager on honorarium basis for the maintenance of records.
- 4 Technical Assistant/Supervisor has not yet been engaged.
- 5 One JE Civil has been engaged on outsource basis through service provider.
- 6 Annual increase @ 5% has been provided to the Engineering staff w.e.f. 20-9-2017.

It is proposed that interest accrued on the funds deposited in Construction account be deposited into Society account as income of the Society.

Member Secretary informed the house that present Executive Engineer (Civil) Sh. S.L. Panwar has already submitted his resignation on 07-04-2017 indicates that "due to heavy stress, workload, also long regular distant journeys, the disease like B.P./hypertension have warranted him not to serve further and he may be spared from official responsibilities" After discussion, worthy Chairman decided to accept his resignation because he is not willing to serve more. It was decided to hire the services of another XEN (C) from some service provider Agency of the state on same remuneration if available and till than power of XEN (C) be delegated to AE (C) in order to run the work smoothly. However worthy Chairman desired to ask once the present XEN (C) in case he would like to still continue. It was also decided to withdrawn the Taxi already allowed to the engineering wing as and further decided that engineering wing may use the vehicle of the field officers as well as Society vehicle for journeys; it was further decided that no additional work be assigned to the engineering wing of HPAFMS, till the completion of works already assigned to them. Further, interest earned on the construction account of the Society allowed to be deposited into Society account as its income.

New agenda items of the last meeting:

1. 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 seven 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. In the last meeting, it was proposed 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 employees in the Societies. However, Department may consider appointment and regularization of these employees against vacant posts.

After discussion, it was decided that as and when decision shall be taken by the Govt. regarding regularization of employees of Rogi Kalyan Samiti & other Societies, it will be applicable to these employees of HPAFMS also.

Now, as per policy framed for the RKS employees of Health Department, case has been submitted to Govt. for regularization of these two employees in the Department of Fisheries against vacant posts.

Worthy Chairman informed that policy was framed in Health & one more Department but it is not followed in other Departments. He case has been taken up with DOP and we may wait for the outcome.

Item put up for discussion and further decision, please.

2. Providing one Data Entry Operator in the O/O Assistant Director of Fisheries Chamba.

Member Secretary informed that as per decision taken in the last meeting, one Data Entry Operator has been engaged for the office of Asstt. Director of Fisheries, Chamba through Service Provider Agency.

After discussion, item was dropped.

3. Regarding according extension of one year to the already engaged manpower either through outsourcing or engaged on honorarium basis through HPAFMS.

Member Secretary informed that action has already been taken in this regard.

After discussion, item was dropped.

4. Regarding increasing Audit Fee of Chartered Accountant for preparation of Balance Sheet of the Society.

Member Secretary informed that after discussion, audit fee for the preparation of Balance Sheet of the Society was increased from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10,000/-. Action has already been taken in this regard.

After discussion, item was dropped.

- 5. Providing actual Hotel and Taxi expenses to Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, HPAFMS and other officers authorized by the competent authority.**

Member Secretary informed that in the last meeting, it was decided that, whenever, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, HPAFMS or other officers of the Department authorized by the competent authority undertake journey outside the state the actual Air fare, Hotel & Taxi expenses shall be paid out of HPAFMS's funds. This action point has been noted for future implementation.

Item put up for discussion and decision to drop the item, please.

- 6. Providing one printer-cum-Scanner to the office of Chairman, HPAFMS at Shimla, one photocopier and Macbook for the o/o Chief Executive Officer, HPAFMS Bilaspur.**

Member Secretary informed that purchase of these items were approved out of the Society Funds by the House.

Action Taken.

One printer-cum-scanner has been provided to the office of Chairman, HPAFMS at Shimla. One printer-cum-Scanner has been transferred to the O/O Chairman HPAFMS at Shimla from the Department and rest of the items has not yet been purchased which can be purchased as per need.

Item put up for discussion and decision to drop the item, please.

New Items:

- (1) Providing Mobile Recharge allowance @ Rs. 150/- pm to 3 Fisheries Officers of Koldam reservoir.**

Member Secretary informed that a request has been received from DWF, HP to provide/sanction Mobile Recharge allowance @ Rs. 150/- pm to 3 FO's of Koldam reservoir on the pattern of other state reservoir FO's.

Item put up for discussion and decision, please.

(2) Regarding increasing monthly honorarium to one Fisherman (Retd.) engaged in the Awareness centre at Bilaspur.

Member Secretary informed that a request has been received from ADF, Bilaspur to increase the monthly honorarium of Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 7500/- pm to one F.M. (Retired) engaged in the Awareness centre at Bilaspur.

Item put up for discussion and decision, please.

(3) Regarding amendment/bye laws in the constitution of the H.P. Aquaculture Fishing & Marketing Society.

Member Secretary informed that a proposal has been received from Additional Chief Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P. for making an amendment in the constitution of Governing Council by making Hon'ble Minister Incharge of Fisheries Department, as Chairman and Secretary Incharge of Fisheries Department, as Vice-Chairman of Governing Council.

Item put up for discussion and decision, please.