

PROCEEDINGS OF 24th GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF H.P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY, BILASPUR HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY, 2018 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. TARUN SHRIDHAR IAS, ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (FISHERIES) TO GOVT. OF H.P. IN DIRECTORATE OFFICE H.P. AT BILASPUR.

Following members of Governing Council have attended the meeting:

#	Name & Designation	Position in the Society
1	Sh. Ajay Kuldeep Representative of Deputy Director Fisheries, Trout Farm Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)	Member
2	Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Director Fisheries , Pong Distt. Kangra (H.P.)	Member
3	Sh. Khem Singh Thakur, Assistant Director Fisheries, Mandi Distt. Mandi (H.P.)	Member
4	Sh. Shyam Lal, Assistant Director Fisheries, Bilaspur Distt. Bilaspur	Member
5	Sh. Tapesch Chauhan, Assistant Director Fisheries, Shimla Distt. Shimla	Member
6	Dr. Lovel Kumar, Assistant Director Fisheries, Chamba Distt. Chamba	Member
7	Sh. Satpal Mehta, Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries- cum-Chief Executive Officer, HP, Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society, Bilaspur (H.P)	Member Secretary

At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the participating members of Governing Council in the meeting 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 23rd GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING.

Member Secretary informed that minutes of 23rd Governing Council Meeting of H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 25th July 2017 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 23rd Governing Council meeting were confirmed.

(i) 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 are and remaining works be got completed through the Engineering wing of HPAFMS Bilaspur.

Worthy Chairman wanted to know about present status of incomplete works of farm taken from HIMUDA. Member Secretary informed that works taken from HIMUDA has been completed and extension of hatchery is in progress through a firm. Worthy Chairman has desired immediate completion of extension of hatchery work.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

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 has declined to provide this technology. Thereafter, consultancy services of Mr. 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 Mr. S.N. Ogale (consultant) and could produce over 18500 eggs during 2016-17 and 20965 Nos. fertilized eggs produced during 2017-18 i.e. upto January, 2018.

In the 23rd meeting, house had felt great satisfaction over this success and approve action of the Department for this breakthrough. Further, Department is conducting more breeding trials of Mahseer and intends to continue the consultancy of Mr. S.N. Ogle till the achievement of the target of one lac fingerlings at this farm.

Worthy Chairman desired to know the production of seed from this farm and how the stocking of same is being monitored. He has also desired to intimate the average weight of Mahseer fish produced at this farm.

Action: DWF

(ii) 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.

After discussion, Chairman desired that aquashops constructed against funds already received from Govt. of India may be put in proper use and there is no need of releasing balance funds from GOI. and drop this item.

(iii) 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.

After detailed discussion, worthy Chairman has desired to keep the Ice Plant installed against received from GOI in proper & regular functioning and there is no need of releasing balance funds from GOI. This point may be dropped.

- (iv) **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. 3,80,794/- has been utilized for procurement of Lab equipments. He further intimated to the house that the Pathological Lab has put in use.

After detailed discussion, worthy Chairman has desired to keep the lab in regular functioning order in case some qualified technician is required for it, necessary case may be moved to Govt. for creation of such post.

Action: DWF

- (v) **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 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 Department of Fisheries H.P. as well as position of balance funds. He further intimated that case for re-appropriation of balance funds was referred by CEO, HPAFMS to the Chairman, HPAFMS-cum-Additional Chief Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P who directed to get approved the proposed re-appropriation funds from Govt. of India. The utilization of Rs. 668.00 lac has already been sent to Govt. of India by DWF as such there is no need of any re-appropriation as was proposed in 23rd Governing Council meeting.

After detailed discussion, worthy Chairman has pointed out that operation functioning of farm is yet going on and the balance funds may be utilized for the same.

Action: DWF/CEO

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

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.**

Member Secretary 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 is given at **Annexure-2**.

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 Department of Fisheries H.P. as well as position of balance funds. He further intimated that case for re-appropriation of balance funds was referred by CEO, HPAFMS to the Chairman, HPAFMS-cum-Additional Chief Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P who directed to get approved the proposed re-appropriation funds from Govt. of India. The utilization of Rs. 668.00 lac has already been sent to Govt. of India by DWF as such there is no need of any re-appropriation as was proposed in 23rd Governing Council meeting.

After discussion worthy Chairman has desired that balance funds may be utilized for operation functioning of Deoli (Gagret) farm.

Action: DWF/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 during 2012-13 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**.

House felt satisfaction over the progress of this project and worthy Chairman has desired immediate utilization of balance amount earmarked for training purpose.

Action: DWF/CEO

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

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. He 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 desire that the institute may be given another one year 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 the completion of cage fish culture demonstration technology by CIFRI.

This year sale of pangasius started in the first week of Nov., 2017 which was completed in 3rd week of Jan,2018 . Total fish harvested from cages and detail of fish sold is as under :-

Sr. No.	Reservoir	Weight (Kg.)	Value (Rs.)
1.	Gobind Sagar	9488.500	711569/-
2.	Pong Reservoir	42669.00	3043152/-
	Total:-	52157.500	3754721/-

After discussion, worthy Chairman has desired to know about the products to be made from the fishes produced from cage culture and market for its disposal/sale. It was also decided that the total amount received from sale of fishes may be kept with the respective ADF's for future expenditure on these cages.

Action: DWF/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.

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.

House felt satisfaction over the progress of this project and worthy Chairman has desired immediate utilization of balance amount earmarked for training purpose.

Action: DWF/CEO

(viii) 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.

He further intimated that matter with regard liabilities of said building is also pending adjudication before Hon'ble High Court.

Worthy Chairman has directed to take further action into the matter as per final verdict of Hon'ble High Court of H.P.

Action: DWF-cum-CEO

(ix) 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 & Pangti 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 Cancelled.
2. Pangti:	Units sanctioned	: 6
	Units completed	: 2
	Balance	: 4 did not start the work hence cancelled.

He informed that out of 9 units sanctioned in Bharmour area during the year 2013-14 inputs subsidy has been disbursed on 1 unit only whereas cases for the release of inputs subsidy on 8 units are still awaited from ADF Chamba. ADF Chamba is requested to apprise the house regarding latest status of the case.

He has further informed that house that as per direction of worthy Chairman in 23rd meeting, necessary survey was conducted by the concerned ADF's but it was found that the beneficiaries who have not completed trout raceways are reluctant to make their units functional. Under these circumstances there is no need/justification to release one time input subsidy to the beneficiaries as desired in last Governing Council meeting.

After discussion, worthy Chairman has desired immediate cancellation of all such incomplete trout raceways units and there is no need of giving one time input subsidy to any beneficiaries from Society fund.

Action: CEO

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

Member Secretary informed that Accountant General Himachal Pradesh had 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 deposition of income of activity centres of the Society into Society account and deposit of fisheries development funds being received from HEP's into Society account. 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 at Govt. level that income of the activity centres of the Society i.e. trout farm Patlikuhl, Barot and fish 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 22nd 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 rationale 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. He further informed that in 23rd meeting it was decided to continue the existing system and to pursue the income tax case.

After discussion, worthy chairman has desired the case for exemption from payment of income tax may be pursued with concerned income tax authority and get it decided as early as possible.

Action: DWF/CEO

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

Member Secretary informed that accounts of the Society for the year 2016-17 has been prepared by the Chartered Accountant of the Society and the same have also been got approved from the house in 23rd Governing Council meeting.

As regard audit of Society from A.G. office also, house has approved to continue previous process of audit till further decision and decided that there is no need to get the audit of Society from Accountant General, H.P.

Action: CEO

(xii) 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. Recently, one J.E. (C) has also been added in it through outsourcing. In addition to this services of one regular and one contractual appointee J.E. (C) of Fisheries Department have also been placed at the disposal of Engineering wing HPAFMS to look after the departmental working being executed through this wing, please.

The following decision has been taken on the decision of 22nd meeting.

- 1 Departmental charges @ 5% has been started w.e.f. 20-9-2016 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. 20-9-2016.

Member Secretary has further informed that the interest accrued in the construction account of Society upto September, 2017 has been deposited in Society account as per the decision taken in 23rd meeting.

He also informed the house that Executive Engineer (Civil) has been engaged on honorarium basis in engineering wing of HPAFMS from 16-02-2018. In 23rd meeting it was decided no work may be assigned to engineering wing HPAFMS till completion of works already taken in hand. In this regard Member Secretary has informed the house that 76 works

amounting to Rs. 13.91 crore were undertaken by this wing at different places in the State. Out of which 47 works costing 3.63 crore stand completed whereas 29 works amounting to Rs. 10.28 crore are in progress against which payment of Rs. 5.71 crore have been released. Further balance 11 works stand completed upto 90% and rest of 18 works stand awarded to contractors and likely to be completed in future by them. In view of these facts, the work load of engineering wing has become very low as compare to its establishment so now new works are required to be assigned to it to utilize the manpower engaged in the Society for this purpose.

After detailed discussion, worthy Chairman has approved re-assignment of new works to engineering wing HPAFMS. Chairman also desired that focus for proper functioning of trout farm and Mahseer farm created at Hamni and Machhial respectively should be given and output from these farms must be monitored regularly.

Action: DWF

(xiii) 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.

Worthy Chairman informed that no policy for the regularization of contractual appointee of Societies functioning in the State so their regularization is not practicable in the present situation. However if any policy is framed by the Govt. in this regard in future the matter will be considered and decided accordingly. Item is also approved to be dropped.

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

Member Secretary informed that after discussion, 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.

After detailed deliberation it has been decided that such cases may be got approved as and when required, from competent authority to avail the proposed facilities. Hence this item may be dropped.

- (xv) **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 after discussion, purchase of these items were approved out of the Society Funds by the House. Photocopies and Macbook will be purchased as per requirement for Society office.

After deliberation it has been decided that no purchase to Chairman Office be made as per decision taken in 23rd meeting. Purchase to Society may be done as per actual requirement. Hence this item is dropped.

(xvi) 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 reservoirs. He further informed that mobile recharge allowance facility which was being given to the fisheries officers deployed for conservation of reservoirs in the state was withdrawn in 23rd meeting. It is very essential to keep the connectivity with staff deployed on conservation work in the reservoirs to know daily events of reservoirs so mobile recharge allowance is required to be given to all such staff.

After detailed discussion on this issue worthy Chairman has approved payment of mobile recharge allowance @Rs. 150/-pm to all ADF's/FO's who are deployed in state reservoirs.

(xvii) 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.

He further informed that the honorarium of deployed at Awareness centre Bilaspur has been increased from Rs. 5000 to 6300 as approved in 23rd meeting. Hence this item is required to be dropped.

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

Member Secretary informed that in the last meeting a proposal had 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. He has further informed that DWF was asked to submit the comments on amendment in bye laws of Society who have replied to the Govt. with the comments that existing functioning system of Society is most feasible and there is no need of any amendment in bye laws of Society.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that present constituted Governing Council is working smoothly and there is no need to amendment in bye laws of Society. Hence this item was dropped.

Following more decision were taken:-

1. Flyers for carp aquaculture having minimum area for fish production and net profit be prepared at Directorate level and sent to Govt.
2. Information of number of fish seed stocked in state reservoirs and number of fish harvested during past five years and three years be supplied to Govt.
3. Proposal if any for filling up of vacant posts be submitted to Govt. in one go.
4. DO letter be got issued to the Chairman, HPSSC Hamirpur and HPPSC Shimla for the early finalization of recruitment of posts, the requisition of which has already been sent to them by the Department of Fisheries.

Member Secretary has informed the house that matter is being pursued with the Govt. by DWF hence these points are required to be dropped.

After detailed discussion, these points have been dropped.

New Items:

(1) Regarding regularization of Daily paid worker of Society.

Member Secretary informed that one Sh. Hari Singh has been engaged on daily wages at trout farm Patlikuhl w.e.f. 01-05-2009. He has completed more than 8 years continue service on daily wage with minimum required 240 working mandays in a calendar year. As per policy approved by H.P. Govt. a daily wage worker becomes eligible for regularization on completion 5 years continue service on daily wages with criteria stated above. Keeping in view the length of above said daily wagger worker on daily wages he has also become eligible/due for regularization.

Worthy Chairman informed that no policy for the regularization of daily waged appointee of Societies functioning in the State so their regularization is not practicable in the present situation. However if any policy is framed by the Govt. in this regard in future the matter will be considered and decided accordingly. Item is also approved to be dropped.

(2) Regarding increase in honorarium of staff engaged on honorarium basis in the Society.

Member Secretary informed that it was decided in the 22nd meeting of HPAFAMS that 5% annual increase will be provided to staff engaged in Society on honorarium basis which was provided to the staff from 01-10-2016. Now it is proposed to continue this practice to provide 5% annual increase to the engaged staff on honorarium basis.

After discussion, worthy chairman has desired to know the involvement of amount in this regard so that further decision is taken accordingly in next meeting.

Action: CEO

(3) Regarding enhancement financial power of CEO, HPAFMS.

Member Secretary informed that financial power of Rs. 15000/- vested in CEO, HPAFMS vide New agenda item No. 1 of 19th Governing Council meeting held on 31-08-2013. Now the Govt. has delegated financial power of Rs. 1,00,000/- to Deputy /Assistant Directors of Fisheries Department. Accordingly the financial power of CEO, HPAFMS is required to be increased at par of Deputy Director Fisheries or upto Rs. 50,000/-. At present financial power are very meager in view of the present market inflation.

After due consideration, worthy Chairman has enhanced financial power of Chief Executive Officer, HPAFMS from 15000/- to 100000/- in each case.

Other items:

(1) Redesign and updation of Society website.

Member Secretary has informed that the website of Society is to be redesigned and updation of it is necessary for which approval of the house/council is required.

After detailed discussion worthy Chairman has approved this proposal.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.