

**PROCEEDINGS OF 25<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF H.P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY, BILASPUR HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. JAGDISH CHANDER SHARMA IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (FISHERIES) TO GOVT. OF H.P. IN HIS OFFICE CHAMBER IN H.P. SECRETARIAT AT SHIMLA.**

Following officers participated in the meeting

#	Name & Designation	Position in the Society
1	Ms. Urmila Gupta Under Secretary (Fisheries) to the Govt. of H.P.	Member
2	Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Deputy Director Fisheries, Trout Farm Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)	Member
3	Sh. Yogesh Gupta, Assistant Director Fisheries, PongDam Distt. Kangra (H.P.)	Member
4	Sh. Khem Singh Thakur, Assistant Director Fisheries, Mandi Distt. Mandi (H.P.)	Member
5	Sh. Shyam Lal, Assistant Director Fisheries, Bilaspur Distt. Bilaspur	Member
6	Sh. Tapes Chauhan, Assistant Director Fisheries, Shimla Distt. Shimla (H.P.)	Member
7	Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, Assistant Director Fisheries, Chamba Distt. Chamba (H.P.)	Member
8	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 24<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING.**

Member Secretary informed that minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting of H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 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 24th 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 got completed through engineering wing of HPAFMS in all respect. Honorable Governing Council satisfied with the submission made by member secretary and approved dropping this item from agenda.**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 have 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. In this regard, Member Secretary has intimated the house production, stocking and monitoring of seed produced from this farm as under:**

Year	Eggs stripped	Survival fingerlings	Stocked	Balance	Avg. Weight
2016	19800	2792	2000 No. in Lunni Khad	792	100 gm.
2017	19865	2812	----	2812	20-80 gm.
2018	27800	22000	----	----	-----

**After detailed deliberation on this point the house satisfied with the reply of Member Secretary and dropped this item from agenda.**

- (ii) **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 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. Member secretary has informed the house that DDF concerned/certain SFO/FO's of Department have already taken training at CIFRI Barrackpore with regard to functioning of the lab and they are efficiently handling this lab upto required extent. He further submitted that in case any necessity for engagement of a qualified technician for this lab in future case will be submitted for Govt. approval

The house satisfied with this version of Member Secretary and dropped this item from agenda.

**(iii) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Governing Council meeting.

**After detailed discussion, on this point worthy Chairman has desired to know the present status of work and funds earmarked to this farm. Member secretary has informed the house that works proposed to be executed on this farm has since been completed in all respect and Rs. 668.00 lac allotted for the same stands utilized fully.**

**After due consideration house has approved dropping of this item from agenda.**

- (iv) 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 2012-13 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Governing Council meeting.

**After discussion worthy Chairman has desired to know the position of balance amount out of Rs. 668.00 lac. In this regard member secretary informed the house that out of these funds Rs. 20.00 lac were earmarked for this project implementation, out of which Rs. 731922/- is yet to be utilized. The house asked to utilized this balance amount on workshops, mela & seminar etc. as early as possible.**

**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.**

**Member secretary has informed the house that technical officers/officials will be deputed by the Department for taking relevant training from CIFT Cochin very shortly and balance funds will be utilized simultaneously. He further submitted that two fish processing units has also been constructed at Bhakhra and Khatiyar. In this regard worthy chairman has desired to explore marketing plan for the production expected from these units and training may be got apated to technical staff of department from CIFT as early as possible.**

**Action: DWF/CEO**

(v) **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.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 to January 2018. Total fish harvested from the cages and value of the fish sold is as under:-

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Reservoir</b>	<b>Weight (Kg.)</b>	<b>Value (Rs.)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Gobind Sagar</b>	<b>16428.500</b>	<b>1212819/-</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Pong Reservoir</b>	<b>62240.700</b>	<b>4364155/-</b>
	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>78669.200</b>	<b>5576974/-</b>

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.

Member secretary has informed house that to make this project successful a meeting was convened with the team of ICAR scientist of CIFRI in Directorate of Fisheries on 27-03-2018 when it was told by them that due to low temperature regime specially in Gobind sagar commercial fish production of Pangsius in cages in H.P. is not feasible and they have suggested that the cages in Gobind sagar may be used for raising fingerlings in situ which will be stocked in reservoir to enhance the fish production, while some of the cages of Pong reservoir may be used for similar purpose and rest for Pangisus fish production. In view of this suggestion, proposal for using the cages installed in Gobind sagar and Pong reservoir has been sent by the Department to the Govt. and Govt. has approved the proposal which is being implemented by the Department through Assistant Director Fisheries, Bilaspur and Pong dam.

Honorable house felt satisfaction with the version given by the member secretary and approved the Department action.

**Action: DWF**

**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.**

**Member secretary has informed the house that technical officers/officials will be deputed by the Department for taking relevant training from CIFT Cochin very shortly and balance funds will be utilized simultaneously. He further submitted that two fish processing units has also been constructed at Bhakhra and Khatiyar. In this regard worthy chairman has desired to explore marketing plan for the production expected from these units and training may be got aperted to technical staff of department from CIFT as early as possible.**

**Action: DWF/CEO**

**(vi) 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 neither 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. Now it has also come into the notice of Department

that the ownership of land and building in question is with HP Govt. and not with federation and Liquidator of the Gobind Sagar Fisheries Cooperative Marketing & Supply Federation Limited Bilaspur has sought NOC of the same in his favour from the Govt.

**Worthy Chairman has directed to take further action into the matter as per final verdict of Hon'ble High Court of H.P. Member secretary has informed the house that Hon'ble High Court of H.P. has not yet delivered any verdict in the case. He further submitted that Liquidator of the said society has requested DWF to issue NOC in favour of federation without returning amount lying with them. DWF has sought the guidelines in this behalf from Govt. which is still awaited.**

**After detailed deliberation on this account the house has decided that an undertaking/affidavit to the effect that as and when this property will be finally disposed off by the federation the advance of Rs. 12.00 lac given by the Society will be returned, may be obtained from liquidator and issue conditional NOC in favour of federation.**

**Action: DWF-cum-CEO**

**(vii) 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:

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|--------------|------------------|--|
| 1. Bharmour: | Units sanctioned | :10 No.  |
|              | Work completed   | : 9 Units                                      |
|              | Balance          | : 1 did not start the work hence<br>Cancelled. |
| 2. Pangi:    | 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.**

**Member Secretary informed that despite of best possible efforts by the concerned officers/officials of the Department no beneficiaries of tribal area has come forward to construct new trout raceways moreover beneficiaries who have already constructed trout raceways are also reluctant to put already constructed units functional. He further submit that there is no need of further initiative in this regard from Department.**

**The house consider the reply of member secretary quite genuine and approved this item for dropping from agenda.**

**(viii) 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 Accountant 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.

**Worthy chairman has desired to know present status of income tax exemption case initiated under section 10(46) on income tax. In this regard Member Secretary has informed the house that a letter has been sent to concerned income tax officer from worthy Chairman and matter is being pursued/attended by Chartered Accountant of the Society as and when any**

**query or information is received from concerned income tax authorities. Final outcome is still awaited.**

**Hon'ble house satisfied with the submission made by Member Secretary and pursued the exemption case vigorously with concerned income tax authority.**

**Action: CEO**

**(ix) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**Member Secretary informed the house the audit of Society is being got done as per previous practice and there is no need of AG audit.**

**Hon'ble house has approved the action of Society and dropped this item from agenda.**

**Action: CEO**

**(x) 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 being transferred into Society account as per decision taken in 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Governing council.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 89 works amounting to Rs. 15.53 crore were undertaken by this wing at different places in the State. Out of which 76 works costing 7.10 crore stand completed whereas 13 works amounting to Rs. 8.43 crore are in progress against which payment of Rs. 6.15 crore have been released. Further

balance 5 works stand completed upto 90% and rest of 8 works stands awarded to contractors and likely to be completed in near 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.

**Worthy Chairman has desired to focus on 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. Member Secretary has informed the house that new construction/renovation works of Department has been taken in hand by the engineering wing as decided in previous meeting of Governing Council. Further constant monitoring of Machhial and Hamni farms is also being done by the Department.**

**After detailed discussion on this point the council approved the action of Department and item dropped from the agenda.**

**Action: CEO**

**(xi) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 had approved payment of mobile recharge allowance @Rs. 150/-pm to all ADF's/FO's who are deployed in state reservoirs.**

**Member Secretary has informed the house that the payment of mobile recharge allowance @ Rs. 150/- pm has been started to all officers/officials who are deployed for conservation of state reservoirs. House approved the compliance made in this regard by the DWF/CEO and dropped the item from agenda.**

**(xii) 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 only to engineering staff from 01-10-2016. Further a fisherman was also engaged on honorarium basis of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only per month in the Society whose honorarium has also been increased from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 6300/- per month with effect from after obtaining necessary approval of Governing Council in its meeting held on 25th July, 2017. An Office Manager has also been engaged on honorarium basis w.e.f. 1st July 2014 @ Rs. 15000/- per month. Every honorarium paid employee of Society have got increase in honorarium while no increase in honorarium is given to this Office Manager, so 5% increase is also recommended to Office Manager.

**After detailed discussion on this point Hon'ble house has approved proposed increase of 5% in the honorarium of Office Manager who is engaged in July, 2014.**

**Action: CEO**

**(xiii) 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.**

**Member Secretary has informed the house that financial power of CEO, HPAFMS enhanced from Rs. 15000/- to Rs. 100000/- is being exercised by the CEO. In view of this submission house dropped this item from agenda.**

**(xiv) Redesign and updation of Society website.**

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

**Necessary updation of the Society website is in process and will be completed shortly.**

**Member Secretary has informed the house that website of Society has been updated. After detailed discussion on this point it is also desired by the house that updation of Society website may be done regularly and point approved for dropping from agenda item.**

**New Items:**

**(1) Regarding regularization of two employees of the Society engaged on contract basis and one daily wager.**

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 nine 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 three years of services on contractual basis are to be regularized. These employees more than nine years service on contract basis in the Society and as per prevailing Govt. policy/decision they are also become eligible for regularization against their respective designation. Therefore the matter is submitted for consideration and decision of hon'ble Governing council. Member Secretary further informed the house that one sh. Hari Singh has been engaged on daily wages at Trout farm Patlikuhal and he has also completed more than nine years continue service on daily wages. As per H.P. Govt. approved policy a daily wager who have completed five years continue service on daily wages with minimum 240 days in a calendar year has become eligible for regularization. As such this daily wages also fulfills this criteria of regularization. Further above said contractual Driver & Clerk have completed more than nine years service on contract basis in the Society. In case their regularization is not practicable for the present they may be given pay & allowances at par of such categories in other Govt. Departments/undertakings.

**After detailed discussion on this point it is decided that as and when post becomes vacant matter may be refer to the Govt. and seek approval for regularization of these incumbents against such posts as special case.**

**Action: DWF**

**(2) Regarding Medical leave of incumbents engaged on honorarium basis in the Society.**

Member Secretary informed that the Himachal Pradesh Govt. have approved 10 days medical leave in favour of contractual employee while six days medical leave to outsourced employees in the state. All the incumbents who have been engaged on honorarium basis in the society are retired employees

and due to age factor they remain under influence of some minor or major physical problem and requires medical leave assistance at par of contractual employees of the state. It is recommended that this item may kindly be given due consideration and ten days medical leave in a calendar year on the prescription of medical attendant may kindly be approved in favour of honorarium paid employees.

**Hon'ble house consider this item and rejected in single voice.**

**(3) Approval for services of Helper outsourced at Trout farm Dhamwari Distt. Shimla (H.P.).**

Member Secretary has informed the house that Assistant Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Division Shimla (H.P.) requested for providing services of a helper is urgently required at Trout farm Dhamwari for upkeep/maintenance fisheries infrastructure. Keeping in view the urgency of work/engagements of helper necessary sanction has been issued by this office after obtaining approval of competent authority. Approval of Governing council is required for regularization of this appointment. Hence matter is placed before honorable council.

**Member Secretary has informed the house that services of a helper is outsourced from a service providing agency after obtaining necessary approval from the worthy chairman. Now matter is submitted for approval of Governing Council.**

**After detailed discussion and keeping in view of urgency of this engagement house approve decision taken earlier in this regard and approved dropping of this item from agenda.**

**(4) Approval for preferring appeal in Hon'ble High court of H.P. against decision of Presiding Judge Labour court-cum-Industrial Tribunal Kangra at Dharamshala in reference No. 157/2014.**

Member Secretary informed that the services of Sh. Ramesh Chand as chowkidar-cum-cook and Sh. Rimple Kumar as helper were outsourced from M/S Anvesh Enterprises, 81-B Main Market Bilaspur by the Society for the period 16-01-2011 to 15-01-2012 at Angler lodge Pongdam Distt. Kangra (H.P.). This service providing agency had withdrawn the services of Sh. Ramesh Chand w.e.f. 01-01-2012. He approached Labour Department in first instance and later on submit a petition before Presiding Judge Labour court-cum-Industrial Tribunal Kangra at Dharamshala who have passed each and every liability of petitioner upon the Society. This is a partial decision and being agitated before the Hon'ble High Court of H.P. through an appeal for which a private Advocate is to be engaged. Approval of worthy Chairman, HPAFMS. For the same has also been obtained.

**Member Secretary has also informed the house that appeal against the order of Presiding Judge Dharamshala stand filed in Hon'ble High court has also stayed the operation of impugned order of Labour Tribunal till further order.**

**After detailed discussion, in this regard and submission made by Member Secretary Hon'ble has approved this action of Society and asked to pursue the case in Hon'ble High Court.**

**Action: CEO**

**(5) Expenditure statement of the Society for the year 2017-18.**

Member Secretary has placed the accounts of Society for financial year 2017-18 which has been prepared by the Chartered Accountant of the Society alongwith balance sheet before the honorable Governing council for consideration and approval.

**After detailed discussion, Hon'ble council has considered and approved the Society accounts as well as balance sheet for the financial year 2017-18.**

**(6) Regarding providing furniture to newly constructed Angling hut at Bharmour Distt. Chamba (H.P.).**

Member Secretary informed that a pre-engineered Angling hut has been got constructed out of HEP funds at Bharmour Distt. Chamba. Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba has intimated that due to non availability of required furniture this angling hut is not put in use so far. He has also sent detail of furniture required in this Angling Hut. The society has proposed to procure required/essential furniture to this angling hut out of society funds which costing approximately Rs. 4.10 lac. Hon'ble council is requested to give his approval for the same.

**Hon'ble Council has considered and rejected the proposal. It further directed to prepare legitimate norms to select site plans for the construction of Angling hut in the state and after that case may be referred to competent authority for his consideration and further direction.**

**Action: DWF**

**(7) Regarding sanction of expenditure expected on Income tax appeal.**

Member Secretary informed the house that the society is merely custodian of funds pertaining to HEP & NMPS of fisheries Department and handle these funds on the direction of DWF. During financial year 2016-17 & 2017-18 on the direction of DWF some amounts out of NMPS and HEP's funds were transferred to HPSIDC by the Society. Income Tax department Mandi had issued show cause notices to the Society for not deducting TDS on the same. Necessary reply of show cause notices was submitted to ITO (TDS) Mandi within time given by them. Later on without intimating the Society proceedings passed against us and demand notice of Rs. 295714/- and Rs. 639349/- issued with the direction to

deposit these amounts within 30 days or if intend appeal be made before Income Tax Commissioner (appeal). In fact these notices were not received in this office. After that Joint Commissioner of Income Tax (TDS) range for non compliance of said order of ITO(TDS) Mandi has imposed penalty of equal amounts on the society and ITO (TDS) Mandi has issued demand notice of Rs. 266410/- and 608900/- to the Society and directed to deposit the same within 30 days or prefer appeal before above said appellate authority. The decision of Income Tax department is not a just decision and being agitated by making an appeal to appellate authority of income tax department i.e. Commissioner at Palampur. An approximate expenditure on the appeal will be Rs. 60000/- as per consent to file the appeal received from Chartered Accountant of the Society.

**The Hon'ble council has consider the decision of income tax department for levying tax upon the amounts transferred to HPSIDC during 2016-17 & 2017-18 as partial and approve appeal against the same and expenditure expected on this account.**

**Action: CEO**

**(8) Regarding weaving off 10% compensation imposed on contractor for delay in completion of work.**

Member Secretary informed that a work named restoration of damages to weir across river Tirthan and protection work provided to protect public property was awarded to Sh. Shri Chand contractor and three months time was stipulated for its completion which was to be over on 15-05-2017. This contractor could not complete this job within stipulated period so 10% compensation amounting to Rs. 3,96,718/- (Rupees three lac ninety six thousand seven hundred eighteen) only i.e. 10% of awarded amount. This matter has thoroughly been examined at Society level and it is seen that no pecuniary loss is caused to the Society on this account rather contractor has suffered a huge financial loss due to time and again engagement and disengagement of manpower as well as machinery. Now the contractor has requested to worthy chairman for weaving off said

compensation on the grounds that delay in completion is caused due to natural calamity and not on his part.

**The Hon'ble council has considered the submission made by Member Secretary. After detailed deliberation on this account council approved weaving off 8% compensation instead of 10%.**

**Action: CEO**

**Other items with the permission of Chair**

**(1) Regarding sanction for engagement of Data Entry Operator.**

Member Secretary informed the house that services of a Data Entry Operator was deployed through the NIELIT Shimla in Directorate of Fisheries for the last three years under Agrisnet project of Agriculture Department. Now this project is going to be closed and the services of Data Entry Operator will be discontinued after 28-02-2019. This Data Entry Operator is deployed in Web cell of Directorate. Due to shortage of staff it is not practicable to spare other official to handle work in web cell. In view of these facts Department proposed to continue the services of present incumbent in web cell for six months.

**The Hon'ble council has considered the submission made by Member Secretary and approve engagement of a Data Entry Operator in Web cell of Directorate for the period 01-03-2019 to 31-08-2019.**

**Action: CEO**