

Minutes of the 3rd Executive Committee Meeting of Tripura Bamboo Mission
society held on 13th November, 2015

Venue: Tripura Bamboo Mission Office, North side of Governors House, Kunjaban, Agartala

Members Present:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Mr S Prabhu, IFS- Mission Director, TBM	Chairman
2	Mrs Swapna Debnath- Addl. Director, I&C	Member
3	Mr Sujib Das, Project Officer (Technology)	Member
4	Mr Kedar Krushna Panda, Dy. Mission Manager	Member Secretary
5	Mr Santanu Banik, Sr. Coordinator (Incense)	Member
6	Mr Fazal Ali Mazumdar, Project Officer (Accounts)	Member

Key Discussions & Decisions taken:

1. Tripura Bamboo Mission to write one letter to North Eastern Council, Shillong requesting for release of the balance fund for the ongoing projects namely "Integrated Development of Bamboo Handicraft Clusters in Tripura" and "Integrated Development of Incense Clusters in Tripura" so that the projects can be completed on time as per the sanction order. The progress achieved till date along with detail action plan to be updated to NEC office.
2. The Construction of six Common Facility Centres (CFC) shall be completed by March 2016. The contractor who quoted minimum margin during the last tender shall be invited to undertake construction work of the other CFCs with same margin on the Tripura Schedule of Rate. This will reduce the processing time.
3. The cluster wise photo covering all the activities related to the clusters along with the artisan detail to be documented.
4. The semi-mechanized bamboo stick making training activity under the "Integrated Development of Incense Clusters in Tripura" needs to be converted to mechanized bamboo stick training keeping the changing requirement of the sector and market. It is also discussed that the major buyers all over the country and the international market has shifted to use of round bamboo stick for producing extruded agarbatti which is better in look and gives higher production compared to the handmade square sticks . TBM completed training on semi-mechanized agarbatti rolling through 24 groups involving 532 artisans.
5. It was also discussed that TBM shall try to develop bamboo theme based eco-parks in some suitable locations in Tripura. Fund can be managed from different sources including MGNREGA. The theme parks can have different species of bamboo nursery and plantation, bamboo structures, working bridges etc.
6. TBM needs to develop one plantation material utilization plan for the existing planting materials available with TBM nurseries in Tripura.
7. A new proposal on 'economic development for RoFR through bamboo plantation along with skill training may be prepared for consideration under MGNREGA. The present scenario of bamboo resources to be studied in detail and included in the proposal.

8. The fund accumulated through trade facilitation to be used as quasi equity for the SPV Simanta Handicraft Products Pvt. Ltd.
9. Third party evaluation of TBM is to be initiated in November by involving Andhra Pradesh Technology Development and Promotion Centre (APTDC) and/or Confederation of Indian Industry.
10. International Conference to be organized during the month of January, 2016. Preparatory meeting to be organized by next week to finalize action plan for organizing the conference.



(S. Prabhu, IFS)

Mission Director

Tripura Bamboo Mission

Date: 17/11/2015

Place: Agartala