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**Record Note of the meeting of Coordinated Mission Steering Committee on State Bamboo Mission held at 10-30 a.m on 01.06.2007 in the Secretariat Conference Hall no. I**

List of the Members/Officials attended the meeting is at Annexure - I

2. At the outset, the Chief Secretary welcomed all the Members of the committee in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Coordinated Mission Steering Committee (CMSC) constituted under the purview of Tripura State Bamboo Mission. He has briefly mentioned about the objectives of the State Bamboo Mission and emphasized on the role of the CMSC, being the Apex Body to coordinate and monitor the activities of Tripura Bamboo Mission and the 3 (three) State Bamboo Steering Committees constituted for specific sectors in Plantation, Handicrafts and Industrial activities.

3. Dr. A.K.Krishna Kumar, Chief Operating Officer, IL & FS CDI Limited made a Power point presentation on the role of IL & FS CDI Limited in operationalising the Tripura Bamboo Mission. He has also presented the Action Plan for the current financial year i.e 2007-08. A copy of the Action Plan is placed as Annexure - II.

4. **Issues discussed :**

The major issues raised by IL & FS CDI Limited were as under :

- a) **Coordination among the Implementing Departments/Agencies :**  
Different Departments are taking up different programmes on bamboo in piece-meal manner leading to duplication/deficient coordination. Synergy among the different Departments would address this situation appropriately.
- b) Under the **National Bamboo Mission programme**, a substantial amount of fund is earmarked by the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture for training purpose. Since training of growers/ beneficiaries is also a part of activities of Tripura Bamboo Mission, they have requested if this fund could be released to Tripura Bamboo Mission for taking up their activities on training of beneficiaries.
- c) As decided earlier, an amount of Rs. 1.93 crore fund under **Special SGSY** project, available with DRDA (West) is to be transferred to Tripura Bamboo Mission. Since IL & FS has already started their activities, this fund may now be placed to carry out the on-going and future activities.
- d) Adoption of the **Supreme Court Verdict** on Bamboo mat being non-forest produce.

## 5. Decisions taken :

The above issues were discussed in detail and the following decisions were taken :

- a) The **Action Plan** as presented by the IL & FS CDI Limited for 2007-08 has been approved by the Coordinated Mission Steering Committee.
- b) Regarding synergy between different line Departments/ agencies, IL & FS CDI Limited shall submit a detailed Note indicating the specific areas that lacks proper coordination and also indicate the possible kind of structure to facilitate coordination.
- c) About the balance fund of Rs. 1.93 crores under Special SGSY project, RD Department shall take effective steps to release the fund within next 3-4 days.
- d) The Supreme Court Verdict on non-forest produce was discussed in detail and it was decided that Coordinator, State Bamboo Mission shall send a detailed note on this to the Forest Department. Forest Department, in turn, would submit a composite note to the State Government indicating the list of items that are to be exempted from providing Transit Pass etc. under the backdrop of the Supreme Court verdict.

## 6. Other issues :

Other issues discussed and decisions taken were as under:

- a) IL & FS CDI Limited to work out a system for ensured supply of planting material to the growers/ SHGs to facilitate plantation on required varieties. Since Bamboo plantation is one of the economic activities in the Re-grouped villages, adequate planting materials need to be supplied to them. Decentralised propagation units in different Districts and re-grouped villages were suggested as better alternative to the existing Centralised nurseries.
- b) To involve Women SHGs in plantation activities.
- c) Out of 19 species of bamboo available in Tripura, Muli accounts for 80% of the total bamboo resources. The value addition in Muli bamboo is less compared to other species. For the Handicrafts sector, the non-muli bamboo species is very important. Forest Department may take immediate necessary steps for planting of Non-muli species considering the present day requirement as well as to cope up with the future demand.
- d) The Tripura Bamboo Mission is the Nodal Agency for coordination of bamboo related activities in the state. All the line Departments like Tribal Welfare Deptt., Rural Development Deptt, Department of Agriculture, TTAADC etc. may send a detailed note on the activities



being taken up by them and the action plan of this financial year etc. to the Coordinator, State Bamboo Mission for overall coordination.

- e) NMBA has published some books on bamboo related issues. These may be widely publicized upto the Panchayet level for the benefit and understanding of the involved persons. Also NID, Ahmedabad has published some booklets/brochures on design and other related matters of bamboo. IL FS CDI may take initiative for publishing those in Bengali for wide publicity.
- f) Action Plan of 3(three) State Bamboo Steering Committees will be discussed in the next meeting of the CMSC.
- g) In the Review meeting of Tripura Bamboo Mission taken by Hon'ble Chief Minister, it was decided to constitute one more Steering committee on management/administration, under the State Bamboo Mission, in addition to other 3 (three) committees. It was decided to process the matter internally.
- h) Regarding extraction of 'Jigat', Forest Department may initiate a Note indicating the availability of Jigat, formalities/restrictions in extraction of the same for manufacturing of agarbatti sticks etc.
- i) Design development needs to be a continuous process and effort must be taken for adoption of new designs in consultation with NID or any Professional Agency.
- j) The Tripura University has started a course on Bamboo. These students may be useful as the future workforce in bamboo sector.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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(Shashi Prakash)

Chief Secretary & Chairman

Coordinated Mission Steering Committee

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Dated, Agartala, the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007

To  
All the Member/officials

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Member Secretary

Coordinated Mission Steering Committee

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