



Minutes of Governing Body cum Steering Committee Meeting of Tripura Bamboo Mission

Date: July 27, 2016

Time: 4.30 pm

Venue: Conference Hall-II, Secretariat Building, Agartala

The list of Participants is enclosed in Annexure I.

1. The Governing Body cum Steering Committee Meeting of the Tripura Bamboo Mission was chaired by Mr. Y. P. Singh, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura. Mrs. Sharmistha Mohapatra, Mission Manager of Tripura Bamboo Mission-IL&FS Clusters made a presentation covering the following main agenda points.
2. Agenda Points:
  - Background & Introduction
  - Recap of TBM Activities – 2007 to 2016
  - Status of Ongoing & Upcoming Projects
  - MoU with ITC-CSR
  - Findings of the 'Evaluation 2015'- by CII-GKAFC
  - Annual Action Plan for FY 2016-17
3. Key Discussions and Decisions taken:
  - 3.1. TBM has completed 544 ha of High Density Bamboo plantation under MGNERGA during the current planting season 2016 in three (3) districts namely 1. West Tripura, 2. Sepahijala and 3. Unakoti. The committee suggested that the HDBP shall be scaled up substantially covering all the eight (8) districts of Tripura during the next planting season. Principal Secretary, Rural Development, informed that the fund required for bamboo plantation and nursery can be supported under MGNREGA. Accordingly TBM shall take preparatory steps including development of planting materials targeting the next year's plantation. One detail plan of action along with fund requirement on promotion of HDBP, in the medium term and long term perspective in the state has to be submitted to the Principal Secretary, Rural Development through the Principal Secretary, (I&C). The Principal Secretary RD will circulate the note to the concerned District Magistrates and Collectors for extending the required support to the TBM in this regard.
  - 3.2. TBM shall undertake one third party assessment of the High Density Bamboo Plantation undertaken during the previous years. The assessment shall cover the growth, productivity, acceptance of the HDBP and its impact on socio-economic and environmental context.
  - 3.3. Dept. of Industries & Commerce shall have a separate meeting with the Department of Forest regarding the Transit Permit issue in the state, particularly the issuing of Re-TP to the bamboo stick units operating in the state. A note in this regard is to be submitted by TBM to the Principal Secretary, I&C to take up the matter with PCCF, GoT.
  - 3.4. The issues, challenges and opportunities for bamboo stick business in Tripura was discussed in length and the members supported the initiative of Tripura Bamboo Mission to promote around 150 local entrepreneurs for establishing bamboo round stick units all across the state. The proposal for establishing one round bamboo resource centre at

Kumarghat submitted by TBM to the state Govt of Tripura is in the final stage of sanction by the finance department. The committee also suggested to take initiatives to set up such units in other districts of Tripura as the demand for round bamboo stick is quite high in the country.

- 3.5. The proposed 850 round stick machines planned to be installed all over the state through enterprise development can be financed through the various schemes like SWABALAMBAN, PMEGP, Start up India and Stand up India etc. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department suggested that the banks operating in Tripura has been asked to sanction at least (two) 2 proposals in every branch as per the scheme guidelines. This opportunity shall be encased by TBM for promoting bamboo entrepreneurs to establish round stick units in the state.
- 3.6. ITC –Agarbatti division has expressed its interest to have one MoU with TBM for supporting the plantation of B tulda (Mritinga) Bamboo through its CSR funding. It will engage one implementing agency, NGO and fund the over head cost of implementing the bamboo plantation program. The committee expressed its consent for an early execution of the MoU with ITC-Agarbatti Division.
- 3.7. The recommendations of the evaluation team from CII-GKAFC, needs to be examined and the implementable suggestions to be taken up on priority by TBM.
- 3.8. Based on the suggestion of the evaluation team, TBM shall focus on three sub-sector of bamboo namely, 1. Promotion of High Density Bamboo Plantation including development of quality nursery in the private sector, 2. Industrial Application of bamboo including bamboo round stick units for incense sector through enterprise development and 3. Bamboo handicraft sector including furniture which has the potential to support larger number of livelihood.
- 3.9. The Principal Secretary ( I&C) suggested that the initiative of TBM in creating shelves of proposal in the bamboo sector is appreciable and shall continue to develop proposals in the upcoming bamboo sectors in Tripura.
- 3.10. Mrs Swapna Debnath, Additional Director, I&C, highlighted that the present arrangement with the IL& FS Clusters for implementing the TBM project is coming to an end by March 2017. As the evaluation team suggested the next course of action for Tripura Bamboo Mission, so the implementation arrangement for the extension phase of the mission activities to be finalized.
- 3.11. The construction sector in Tripura is growing very fast so the use of bamboo for the construction needs to be explored. The necessary technology needs to be sourced and customized for scaling of the use of bamboo in the construction sector.
- 3.12. The TBM shall propose to bring new and innovative technology in the bamboo sector from the South East Asian countries particularly Vietnam & China. One team from bamboo mission shall visit to understand and establish link for bringing such technology, particularly bamboo waste utilization.
- 3.13. The Annual Action Plan for 2016-17 proposed by TBM needs to be revised along with detail strategy for implementation to be submitted within 10 days.

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The meeting ended with votes of thanks

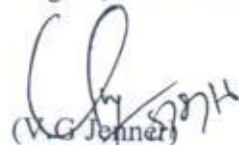
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Chief Secretary &  
Chairman of State Bamboo  
Steering Committee (SBSC)

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Directorate of Industries & Commerce

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To  
All Concerned.

  
(V.G. Jeyaraj)  
Director (I&C) &  
Mission Director (TBM)

Copy to:

- i) The SA & JS to Chief Secretary, Tripura -for kind information of Chief Secretary.
- ii) The P.S to Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Tripura - for kind information of Principal, Secretary.

*Annexure: List of Participants*

Sl. No.	Name	Designation & Deptt./ Agency
1	Mr. Y. P. Singh, IAS	Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura
2	Mr. M. Nagaraju, IAS	Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce
3	Dr. G S G Ayyangar, IAS	Principal Secretary, Rural Development
4	Mr Ashok Kumar, IFS	Additional PCCF, Forest Department
5	Mr. Surendra Kumar, IFS	Additional PCCF, Forest Department
6	Mr G S Raju, IFS	Additional PCCF, Forest Department
7	Mr. V. George Jenner, IFS	Mission Director TBM & Director Industries & Commerce
8	Mr. Siddhartha Mohanta, TFS	Joint Project Director, IGDS
9	Mrs. Swapna Debnath	Addl. Director, Dept of Industries & Commerce
10	Mr. Sujib Das	Project Officer (Technology) & DDO, TBM
11	Mr. Rajesh Paul Choudhury	TBM Accounts officer
12	Ms. Sharmistha Mohapatra	Mission Manager TBM & Head- Livelihood & Rural Enterprises, IL&FS Clusters
13	Mr. Siddhartha Choudhury	AVP, IL&FS Clusters
14	Mr. Kedar Krushna Panda	Deputy Mission Manager TBM & Sr. Manager-IL&FS Clusters
15	Mr. Santanu Banik	Team Leader & Sr. Officer. TBM-IL&FS Clusters
16	Mr. A. B. Fazal Ali Mazumdar	Project Officer (Accounts), TBM
17	Mr. Sukanta Das	Sr. Coordinator, TBM
18	Ms. Sutapa Chakraborty	Sr. Coordinator, TBM
19	Ms. Rama Reang	Sr. Coordinator, TBM
20	Ms. Timir Choudhury	Team Leader, Incense
21	Mr. Tanmoy Mazumdar	Marketing Manager