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Minutes of the Second PFM Sub-Committee Meeting dated 22-01-1999

The Second PFM Sub-Committee Meeting was held at the Chamber of the PCCF(G) at 5 pm on 22-01-1999 with Shri. K. Sasidharan Nair, PCCF(G) in the Chair. The following officers were present

Present:

1. Shri. K. Sasidharan Nair, PCCF(G)
2. Shri. K. B. Thampi, CCF(WBP)
3. Shri. P. Premachandran Nair, CCF(P)
4. Shri. K.K. Sreevasthava, CCF(V)
5. Shri. R.S.R. Prasad, CCF(SF)
6. Shri. P.N. Unnikrishnan, CF(Administration) & PFM Co-ordinator

In Attendance

1. Shri. V.K. Uniyal, CF(WBP),
2. Shri. Joseph Thomas, ACF(HRD), Working Secretary

The following decisions were taken in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1

The recommendations of the five Circle level Workshops on Participatory Forest Management were synthesised to produce supplementary recommendations for the implementation of PFM. The majority of the recommendations ~~are~~^{is} further elaboration of the guidelines issued by the Government earlier. Approval of these supplementary recommendations for using them as supplementary guidelines.

Decision

The committee approved these supplementary recommendations for using them as guidelines for the implementation of PFM.

The following decisions were also taken in this regard

- i. VSS Operations Fund: The PFM guidelines has provision for an operation fund for VSS for the implementation of forest development activities as per the microplan. The committee decided that the DFO can advance an amount of Rs. 25,000 or 20% of the estimate amount whichever is less to the VSS on specific demand from the VSS recommended by the Range Officer.*
- ii. Maintenance of Accounts: The committee decided that the VSS shall execute the works as per the specifications and the rates provided in the estimate. The accounts shall be*

maintained as proposed in the supplementary guidelines. The procedure for auditing the accounts shall be stated in the microplan.

Agenda Item No. 2: Training for PFM

The committee approved the training modules and the Circle Level training programmes. The training module will be as follows.

Module 1 (3 days)

Trainees: Division level officers, Range Officers, Field Staff and NGO Representatives

This shall be an orientation and appreciation course to sensitise the trainees to the essential philosophy. Principles and practices of people's participation in common resource development and management. It should enable the trainees to appreciate the meaning of people's participation in forest Management. Relevant case studies may be presented. This course shall enable the trainees to appreciate the meaning of peoples participation, Community, Empowerment, Micro planning and the role of participatory tools and methodology in the overall context of Forest Development Management.

Module II (3 days)

Trainees: Range Officers, Field Officers and NGO representatives

The Participatory tools methodologies and processes will be presented and analysed.

This should enable the trainees to understand the participatory tools for transforming the interacting communities to develop participatory action plans and micro plans for local forest resources development and management.

Module III (8 days)

Trainees: Field Officers, NGO representatives

The training will focus on participatory tools, Resource Mapping, stake holder mapping and analysis, priority setting, conflict analysis and resolution, setting goals and objectives and their analysis, leading to participatory micro-planning.

The training shall enable the participants to effectively use the tools and methodologies in the preparation of participatory micro plan for participatory forest management.

Module IV (2 to 4 weeks)

The trainees work in a selected PFM location and prepare a participatory micro plans for PFM.

The trainees shall become confident in the use of participatory tools for developing PFM micro plans, and following it up through further participatory action.

Agenda Item No. 3: Trainers

The Committee decided to seek the assistance of Socio-Economic Unit Foundation for arranging the trainers at the rate of Rs. 1,500 per day for a senior trainer and Rs. 750 per day for a junior trainer.

Agenda Item No. 4: Microplans

The Committee authorised the territorial Conservators to complete five microplans each in a Circle ⁱⁿ before May 1999 and incur expenditure on this account.

Agenda Item No. 5: Selection of New Sites

The Committee decided to permit CFs to select new sites for PFM where the most favourable conditions prevail and select sites giving due considerations to the preferences of NGOs and local communities. These could be the initial target areas. Later on more areas can be added when the Department is confident in the functioning of PFM. The KFD can also suggest new areas if they are confident of good support from the local communities/NGOs.

The meeting ended at 6:00 pm.

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