

Minutes of the 50th meeting of the Executive Committee of CAPART held on 30th September, 2009 at 11.00 a.m. in Gulmohar Hall, IHC, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. C.P. Joshi, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Chairman, Executive Committee of CAPART on Wednesday, the 30th September, 2009 at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The list of participants is annexed.

The Director General, CAPART welcomed the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development & the Chairman of Executive Committee, the Hon'ble MOS (RD-PJ), Secretary (DWS), 2nd Vice-Chairperson of EC and the members of the Executive Committee. It was brought to the notice of the house that as per Rule-30 of the Rules of the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology, five members of the Executive Committee present, in person, shall constitute the quorum. Sixteen members of the Executive Committee were present. The quorum was, therefore, found complete. The meeting was there upon called to order.

Agenda Item No.1

Confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 24.08.2009.

The Director General stated that the Minutes of the 49th meeting of the Executive Committee had been circulated to all the members. No comments have been received.

It was pointed out that the members have made observations in the previous meeting that have helped decision making. These, it was suggested, should also have found place in the minutes. This may be kept in mind in future.

Dr. Joshi

With these observations, the Minutes of the 49th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 24th August, 2009, were taken as confirmed.

Agenda Item No.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 24.08.2009.

The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the Executive Committee held on 24th August, 2009 was briefed by the DG, CAPART.

While discussing the Action Taken Report, Hon'ble MRD & Chairman, EC, CAPART said that a conscious decision was taken in the last Executive Committee meeting regarding non-release of funds. It was further stated that DG, CAPART may issue appropriate circular for this purpose covering all cases irrespective of time over run or otherwise.

Ms. Vibha Gupta, however, opined that the releases of installments due in cases of on going projects which do not suffer from time over run should continue as per schedule.

DG, CAPART elaborated that a Circular dated 7th August, 2009 was issued so that the authorities with delegated powers could deal with the cases with time over run as and when they come up for release of funds.

AS&FA, MoRD opined that since there will be a large number of projects reporting time overrun, it would not be feasible for any sub group notified by Circular No.100-3(60)/2009-CD dated 11th September, 2009 to go into details of all the cases. It would be appropriate to form a technical Committee internally in CAPART which will examine these cases and put up their recommendations to EC for appropriate decision. AS&FA, MoRD further stated that release of funds in projects which were continuing and which are on schedule may not be stopped.

Mr. Pandey

Mr. Lalit Mathur was also of the view that projects on schedule may get adversely affected because of this extra scrutiny before release.

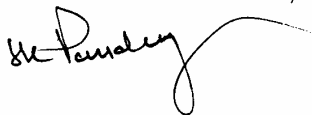
HMRD, however, desired to know the break up of the committed liabilities of Headquarters as well as that of Regional Offices. DG, CAPART informed that out of the total committed liability of Rs.94.52 crores, the liability in pending projects at CAPART Headquarters is Rs.55.07 crores and that of RCs is Rs.39.45 crores. It was noted by the Executive Committee that substantial amount of committed liability at CAPART Headquarters is in the Watershed Scheme and Nodal NGO Scheme. The Committee also noted that fresh sanction in Watershed Scheme has been stopped since 19th January, 2006. Further sanctions under Nodal NGO Scheme are also on hold. In any case, with the launch of NGO partnership portal the rationale for continuation of the scheme might have ceased to exist. The scheme in the present format may be considered as closed.

Committed liabilities both under Watershed Scheme as well as Nodal NGO Scheme, in any case, will be reviewed with the other committed liabilities by a Committee as suggested by AS&FA.

The members, however, suggested that a redressal mechanism should be available in cases where the sanctioned projects are terminated in the middle to look into the aspect of expenditures incurred by an NGO over and above the grants released.

Agenda Item No.3 Annual Report and Annual Audited Accounts for the year 2008 – 2009.

DG, CAPART briefed the Committee on the Annual Report and Annual Audited Accounts for the year 2008 – 2009. DG informed the house that in deference of the views of EC in the previous meeting, the team in CAPART took it as a challenge to live up to the expectation of the house, that is, the Annual Account for 2008 – 2009 should, as required under law, be completed in



all respects and should be made available to the Income Tax Department after the approval of General Body of CAPART by 30th September, 2009. Although this was the most natural thing to be expected of CAPART administration, the fact remains that the 50th Executive Committee will have the singular distinction of approving the Accounts on the due date for the first time in CAPART. The team at CAPART has put in concerted efforts to prepare the Annual Report and place it before this Committee on 30th September, 2009. The Chairman and the house appreciated and acknowledged the hard work put in by the CAPART team in preparing Annual Report and in placing it before the Committee. The members also appreciated and took note of the fact that Audit Certificate for 2008 – 2009 could be procured in time from the office of Principal Director of Audit.

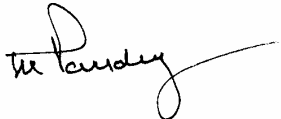
The, Chairman, thereafter, invited the Committee members for deliberations.

Shri Ravi Chopra suggested that outcome of the projects should also be outlined in the report, in addition to financial achievements.

Shri Ravindra A. opined that there is a need to conduct Impact Assessment specially with regard to schemes which have been running for some years.

Secretary (DWS) commented that it would be appropriate to look at release of the funds by CAPART in a sectoral perspective so that exaggerated claims with regard to outcomes are eschewed as the funds released by ministries and departments are huge in comparison to what CAPART has released.

After the deliberations the Annual Report of the working of the society together with the Annual Audited Accounts and Audit Report for the year 2008 – 2009 were approved and recommended by the Executive Committee for the adoption by the General Body.



Agenda Item No.4 Technology Upgradation for Enterprises in the Unorganized Sectors.

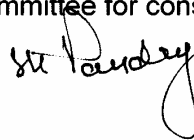
DG, CAPART introduced the agenda. Major S Chatterjee drew the attention of the Committee towards Ministry of Rural Development's letter No.J-11060/4/2009-PC dated 13.08.2009. JS, MoRD explained that it requires to be looked into whether CAPART can undertake projects for enterprises in the unorganized sector of urban areas, as the mandate of CAPART, is basically for rural areas. It was also commented upon that the organizational capacity of CAPART needs to be assessed prior to undertaking the assignment. AS&FA, MoRD opined that a comprehensive proposal may be prepared by CAPART before EC gives go ahead. The Chairman of the Committee, however, directed DG, CAPART to formulate and firm up action plan in consultation with MSME. In view of the remarks of AS&FA that resources provided for CAPART in the budget have little possibility of being increased as requested by CAPART, the chair decided that CAPART should be allowed to access funds from other sources.

Agenda Item No.5 Grow up to Lab Achieved Benchmark.

DG, CAPART briefed the Committee on this agenda item. On AS&FA's statement that the financial implications of the scheme are yet to be worked out, the Committee decided to refer it to Sub Group constituted by the Executive Committee for consideration.

Agenda Item No.6 Value addition for income generation through the assets/infrastructure created under NREGA & SGSY.

DG, CAPART briefed the Committee. The agenda was deliberated in the light of the recommendations of the F&A Committee and it was decided to refer it to the Sub Group constituted by the Executive Committee for consideration.



Agenda Item No.7

Rain Water Harvesting from Roof Tops using Ferro Cement Technology.

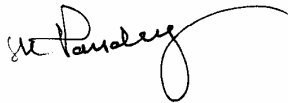
DG, CAPART briefed the Committee. The DG further informed the Committee that this agenda was discussed in the F&A Committee meeting which had opined that the Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting should be restricted to water distressed districts as notified by the Department of Drinking Water Supply. F&A Committee had further observed that since Ferro Cement Technology is of 80's vintage there should be no need to promote it for demonstration purposes either and recommended that the scheme should be discontinued at the end of the 11th Five Year Plan. The F&A Committee had further suggested that the projects should be sanctioned only to those NGOs who have physical presence in the drinking water distressed areas notified by the Department of Drinking Water Supply.

The Chair remarked that the rural houses specially those belonging to poor hardly have roofs big enough to be benefited from this scheme. Continued supporting of this 80's technology may also not be justified on the ground of promotional need. Further sanction be stopped. Old liabilities be dealt with as per the recommendation of the committee constituted in this regard.

Agenda Item No.8

Sustainability support for Technology Resource Centres(TRCs).

DG, CAPART briefed the Committee. AS&FA stated that the above matter may be referred to the concerned sub group as recommended by the F&A Committee. The Executive Committee decided to refer it to the concerned Sub Group constituted by the Executive Committee for its consideration.

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Agenda Item No.9 Establishment of more TRCs.

DG, CAPART explained the agenda. AS&FA suggested that since a sub group has already been constituted to examine the functioning of TRCs, this matter may also be referred to the Sub Group for consideration. The Committee decided to refer it to the concerned sub group constituted by the Executive Committee for its consideration.

Agenda Item No.10 Review of Young Professionals Scheme.

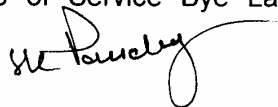
DG, CAPART briefed the Committee. Members pointed out that the consolidated salary now being offered to Young Professionals by CAPART is not in line with the salaries being paid by the voluntary sector, therefore, the basic purpose of the scheme to provide professional manpower support to voluntary organization working in the rural areas has apparently been compromised. AS&FA suggested that the matter may be referred to the Sub Group for consideration. The Committee decided to refer it to the concerned sub group constituted by the Executive Committee for its consideration.

Agenda Item No.11 Update on Accreditation of Voluntary Organizations.

DG, CAPART briefed on the agenda item. The Committee was informed that the agenda item has been placed before the Executive Committee for its information. The Committee noted the same.

Agenda Item No.12 Review petition in respect of Shri Arun Shah, Deputy Director(Marketing), CAPART.

DG, CAPART briefed on the agenda and informed that Shri Arun Shah, erstwhile Deputy Director (Marketing) has submitted a review petition which is placed before the Executive Committee being the Reviewing Authority in terms of Clause 40 of Service Bye Laws of CAPART. JS, MoRD stated that the



punishment as imposed by the Disciplinary Authority has been upheld by the Appellate Authority. He further drew the attention of the Committee to the opinion of the Legal Retainer who, inter alia, had opined that "the grounds on which the officer is seeking review was available to him at the time of the proceedings as well as while passing the orders by Disciplinary Authority / Appellate Authority". The matter was further deliberated by the Committee and it was decided to refer the same to F&A Committee for submitting its recommendation on the Review Petition to the Executive Committee of CAPART.

Agenda Item No.13 Implementation of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) in CAPART.

Approved.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure

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