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**Council for Advancement of People's Action
and Rural Technology**

(Under the aegis of Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)
India Habitat Centre, Zone-5A (Core-C), 2nd Floor
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To

All the members of the Executive Committee of CAPART.

Subject : Minutes of the 48th meeting of the Executive Committee of
CAPART held on 24th February, 2009.

Sir / Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the minutes of the 48th meeting of the
Executive Committee held on 24th February, 2009 at 11.00 a.m. at CAPART
Conference Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.

V. Venkatachalam
(V. Venkatachalam)
Director General

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1. PS to Minister for Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
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Minutes of the 48th meeting of the Executive Committee of CAPART held on 24th February, 2009 at 11.00 a.m. in CAPART Conference Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) was held on Tuesday, the 24th February, 2009 at CAPART Conference Hall, Zone-5A, 2nd Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The list of participants is annexed.

Director General, CAPART welcomed the members of Executive Committee and informed the Committee that the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development and Chairman, EC, CAPART had an important engagement elsewhere and would be joining the Committee later. Therefore, the Hon'ble MOS (RD & PA) was requested to Chair the meeting.

Hon'ble MOS(RD&PA) thereafter requested Director General, CAPART to place the agenda items for discussion.

Agenda Item No.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 26.11.2008

Director General stated that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee had been circulated and no comments had been received. Therefore, the minutes of the 47th meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as confirmed.

Agenda Item No.2

Action Taken Reports on the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 26.11.2008.

2.1 While discussing the "Action Taken Note" on the minutes of the 47th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 26.11.2008 relating to introduction of pension scheme, DG, CAPART stated that an agenda for introduction of pension scheme for CAPART employees was placed before the F&A Committee in its meeting held on 19.02.2009. During the F&A Committee meeting, AS&FA, MoRD noted that as per the existing CPF scheme for CAPART employees, the employees contributed 10% of their basic emoluments with matching contribution from the Council. As per the proposal submitted by the Actuary, introduction of pension would require creation of a "Pension Corpus Fund" of Rs.11.40 crores. At present the employer share under the CPF scheme alongwith interest comes to approximately Rs.3 crores , leaving a shortfall of Rs.8.4 crores, which is being requested as a one time contribution from the Ministry of Rural Development. AS&FA, MoRD suggested that the Government's liability should be brought down by adding employees contribution which is standing in balance at present in the CPF. He further suggested that legal aspects of such a measure as to whether CPF amount could be transferred to the Corpus Fund should also be examined. A revised proposal accordingly may be prepared and put up before the F&A Committee. Dr. Rajagopalan suggested that option from all the CAPART employees should be obtained whether they want to continue with the CPF scheme or would like to opt for the pension scheme.

2.2 With regard to Sl.No.3 para10.3 of ATR, Dr. Tripurari Saran stated that during the previous meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided that the Committee's proposals for simplifying and streamlining the processes and procedures involved in sanction and monitoring of projects would be placed in the next meeting of the EC. DDG(K) informed that the Committee constituted in this regard is in the process of finalizing its report. However, in order to ensure that all aspects of simplification and streamlining of the processes and procedures are taken into account, the Committee would require one more month to submit its report. Dr. Tripurari Saran intervened and pointed out that in

the Action Taken Note it is mentioned that the report of the Committee would be submitted to the Ministry within two weeks. Thereafter, DG assured the Committee that the Committee's report would be finalized in two weeks and circulated to the members so that in the next meeting of the Executive Committee, the same could be discussed and finalized.

2.3 With regard to SI.No.3 para10.5 of ATR, DDG(K) informed that the space for office accommodation has already been identified by the Divisional Commissioner, Aurangabad and the posting order of two officials to man the office at Aurangabad have already been issued. The Hon'ble MOS(RD&PA) thanked the Council for the prompt action in this regard.

Agenda Item No.3 Introduction of Pension Scheme in CAPART.

In the light of 2.1 above, the agenda item was withdrawn with the assurance that a comprehensive proposal will be placed in the next meetings of F&A Committee and Executive Committee.

Agenda Item No.4 Implementation of the New Pension Scheme in CAPART for its employees recruited on or after 01.01.2004.

Approved.

Agenda Item No.5 Ratification of the appointment of Shri Y.K. Singh, IRS as Chief Vigilance Officer, CAPART.

Ratified.

Agenda Item No.6 Ratification of the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee meeting for promotion of Shri K.K. Raman, Sr. Executive Secretary to the grade of Principal Executive Secretary in the scale of pay of Rs.10,000-325-15,200/- (Pre-revised)

Ratified.

Agenda Item No.7 Ratification of the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee meeting for promotion of Shri Upender Rana, Programmer to the grade of Systems Analyst in the scale of pay of Rs.8,000-275-13,500/-(Pre-revised).

Ratified.

Agenda Item No.8 Ratification of the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee held on 15.01.2009 for promotion of Research Officers to the post of Assistant Director in the scale of pay of Rs.8,000-275—13,500/- (pre-revised).

Ratified.

Agenda Item No.9 Ratification of revision of TA/DA/Sitting Fee to the members of the General Body, Executive Committee, F&A Committee, Regional Committees and National Standing Committees of CAPART.

9.1 While ratifying the revision of TA/DA/Sitting Fee to the members of the General Body, Executive Committee, F&A Committee, Regional Committees and National Standing Committees of CAPART, Dr. Madhav Kinhalkar, Special Invitee pointed out that the conveyance charges @ Rs.250/- for both at the point of commencement of journey and at the destination are inadequate and should be paid on actual basis. He further mentioned that in his own case he had to

travel from Nanded to Ahmedabad Airport by road and the amount spent on taxi was much higher than Rs.250/-. Therefore, actual taxi fare should be given to all the members of the Committees. He also mentioned that the Council should also reimburse the hotel charges of members wherever Guest House facilities are not arranged. DG stated that the norms have been fixed in accordance with the practice being followed in NIFT and NIRD. However, the suggestions of the members will be examined and placed before the F&A Committee as well as the Executive Committee.

9.2 At this stage Hon'ble MOS(RD&PA) stated that she had another important engagement and had to leave. She, therefore, requested DG, CAPART to Chair the proceedings.

Agenda Item No.10 Performance Report of CAPART for the Year 2008 – 09 (upto January 31, 2009).

10.1 DDG(K) briefed the Committee about performance of CAPART upto 31st January, 2009 during the current financial year. While discussing this agenda, Dr. Mihir Shah, Dr. Tripurari Saran and AS&FA, MoRD pointed out that a large number of project proposals are pending in various Regional Offices, particularly in Hyderabad and Lucknow. This is a clear reflection on the functioning of the officers at these Regional Offices. This matter needs to be looked into carefully in order to ensure that the project proposals are cleared quickly. Dr. Madhav Kinhalkar, Special Invitee pointed out that the RC meetings are not being held regularly and this may be the reason for the large pendency of the proposals in the Regional Offices. DDG(K) clarified that with the exception of the first 4 months of the current financial year, regular meetings are being held in the past six months. He further stated that as on 31.01.2009 an amount of Rs.41 crores has already been spent and as on 15th February, 2009 a sum of Rs.47 crores has been spent. DG further clarified that by end of this financial year CAPART will try to utilize the funds earmarked for 2008-2009. DG further assured that RC meetings will be held atleast once in three months.

Agenda Item No.11 Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates, Actual Expenditure (upto 31.01.2009) during 2008-2009 & and Budget Estimates for 2009 – 2010.

11.1 DG briefed the Committee on Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates, Actual Expenditure (upto 31.01.2009) during 2008-2009 and Budget Estimates for 2009 – 2010. JS, MoRD pointed out that the administrative expenditure is nearly 20-22% which is on the higher side. DG clarified that this year the expenditure on establishment will come down in proportion to the total expenditure as project expenditure will go up.

11.2 Director General, CAPART then welcomed the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development and Chairman, EC, CAPART who joined the meeting at this stage.

Agenda Item No.12 Annual Report and Annual Audited Accounts for the year 2007 - 2008.

Approved.

Agenda Item No.13 Recommendations of the Finance and Appointments Committee in its meeting held on 19.02.2009.

13.1 DG briefed the Committee on the recommendations of the Finance and Appointments Committee in its meeting held on 19.02.2009. AS&FA, MoRD pointed out that the recommendations of F&A Committee should have been placed as separate agenda items before the Executive Committee. DG clarified that this agenda item for the Executive Committee has been placed before the Executive Committee as per past practice in the Council. However, wherever Executive Committee's decision is required, separate agenda items have been placed before the EC.

13.2 AS&FA, MoRD suggested that in future separate agenda note alongwith recommendations of the F&A Committee should be brought before the EC for its approval. With these suggestions the recommendations were approved.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.1 Proposal for revision of guidelines relating to Workshops / Seminars / Conferences.

SA.1.1 The agenda was discussed extensively. It was suggested that such Workshops or Seminars may be given to other organizations subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) The organization should be a Central or State Government organization or owned by the Central or State Government. This would include various CAPART offices also.
- (2) Such funding may be normally done for organizing such events in districts where either no VO is available for the same or considering the subject of such event VOs do not have the requisite expertise.
- (3) Director General, CAPART may identify such districts where VOs are not easily available for hosting such events. Funding to organization mentioned in (1) above must be normally available for such districts only.
- (4) As far as possible such funding should not exceed 20% of the total amount budgeted for hosting workshops, seminars and conferences.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.2 Accreditation of Voluntary Organizations in Rural Development.

SA.2.1 AS&FA, MoRD suggested that the task of accreditation should be outsourced in the same manner as is being done in case of ISO certification. It was further suggested that organizations like the Credibility Alliance should also be involved in drawing up guidelines for accreditation. With these suggestions,

the proposal for constitution of Task Force for accreditation of Voluntary Organizations was approved.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.3 Establishment of Technology Resource & Training Centre (TRTC) at Bania Vaishali District, Bihar.

SA.3.1 The need for establishment of TRTC at CGC, Bania, Vaishali and a detailed proposal in this regard were already approved by Executive Committee in its earlier meeting held on 14th February, 2007. It was discussed & decided that further action to establish TRTC may be taken immediately.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.4 Setting up of Village Knowledge Centre.

Ratified.

Any other items with the permission of the Chair

Shri Mohan Dharia stated that there were inordinate delays in investigating complaints of corruption in CAPART despite the fact that the Council has a full time Chief Vigilance Officer. Citing a specific instance, Shri Mohan Dharia pointed out that grave charges of corruption have been leveled by members of RC, Lucknow against RR&MC, RC, Lucknow and yet no action has been taken, in this matter so far.

DG, CAPART explained the procedure adopted by CAPART in investigating complaints of corruption. Regarding the specific issue raised by Shri Dharia, DG assured that a team from CAPART will be deputed to investigate the matter.

Thereafter, Shri Dharia suggested that the officer be transferred pending investigation so that evidence is not tampered with. DG assured that action would be taken against the officer, if the complaints / charges of corruption against him are established.

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

Annexure

The list of the participants.

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