

**MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TASK FORCE MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY SECTOR HELD ON 17.06.2005 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, ORISSA**

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The first meeting of the Task Force constituted vide Fisheries & ARD Department Resolution No.21227/FARD, dt.17.12.2004 was held on 17.06.2005 at 3.30 P.M. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Hall of Secretariat Building under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Orissa.

Members present is at Annexure- 'I'.

Initiating the discussion, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Fisheries & ARD Department welcomed the members and other participants. In his welcome address, he indicated that Orissa has a long coastline of 480 kms. and is endowed with vast potential for Brackish Water Fishery, Inland Fishery & Reservoir Fishery. For achieving the twin objectives of increasing fish production and to step up marine export, a Task Force has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary. To apprise the Task Force about the resources, short comings and activities of Fisheries & ARD Department, he made a short presentation. The members of the Task Force deliberated on various issues of the agenda and after a threadbare discussion the following decisions were taken. The decisions are indicated Department-wise.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**1- Shortfall in the State Plan Allocation :-**

The shortfall of Rs.456.44 lakhs including the backlog of Rs.190.08 lakhs for 2004-05 in the State Plan for ongoing schemes should be provided in the Supplementary Budget for 2005-06. For additional subsidy required under FFDA a proposal may be submitted to Finance department for State share and move Government of India for corresponding Central share.

[ Action – Finance Department ]

**2- Need for Improvement of Infrastructure to Promote Export :-**

Proposals for construction of approach road to 23 nos. Fish Landing Centres / Fishing Harbours under RIDF for Rs.54.78 crores has been approved. Concerned Departments should expedite the preparation of estimates and implementation of the work. TFC grant may be earmarked for these roads on priority. Definite action plan to complete these roads by 2006-2007 Fy with phasing may be worked out & got approved.

[ Action – W.R., R&B, P.R., R.D. & F&ARD Department ]

**3- One time Infrastructure Support & Formation of User Society :-**

Development of marine infrastructure for the existing Fishing Harbours / Fish Landing Centres like dredging / approach roads / upgradation as per EU norm etc. was discussed. So also requirement of funds for five new Fishing Harbours / Fish Landing Centres to be developed under CSP from Government of India assistance was discussed. The 50% State share for development of five new Fishing Harbours / Fish Landing Centres for Rs.17.40 crores was agreed to be provided under RIDF. It was also decided that for the existing FH/FLC/Jetties funds from Government of India should be leveraged for dredging / construction / upgradation of Fish Landing Centre / Fishing Harbour to the extent possible and the balance requirement of funds may be provided under RIDF. Proposal should be sent by Fisheries & ARD Department to P&C Department for providing funds for Fish Landing Centre / Fishing Harbour under RIDF. Infrastructure support for development of infrastructure in Fishing Harbours / Fish Landing Centres under RIDF shall be given as one time assistance. The management system either by way of user society / SPV / any other model should be put in place to ensure that the recurring expenditure or at least the O & M expenses are met out of user charges to be collected. A detailed study should be conducted to assess the marine infrastructure required like Fishing Harbours / Fish Landing Centres etc. along the coastline and also the management pattern for the FH/FLC/infrastructure created. The Kerala model for management of Fishing Harbours through user society may be considered on pilot basis in some selected Fishing Harbour / Fish Landing Centre.

[ Action – F&ARD, P&C & Finance Department ]

**4- Development of Approach Roads to FLC :-**

There is need to construct 40 approach roads to different Fish Landing Centres. These road projects should be taken up under RIDF or under TFC grants. F&ARD Deptt. to send the proposals to the concerned department.

[ Action – F&ARD, P&C & Finance Department ]

**5- Potential Fishing Zone :-**

To provide timely information to fishermen about Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ), Rs.85.95 lakhs should be provided in the State Budget for provision of computerization and internet connectivity with display boards, shore to vessel communication etc.

[ Action – F&ARD & Finance Department ]

**6- Projects to be Taken up under SGSY :-**

To provide infrastructure, such as Fish Market, Cold storages, Collection Centres, Storage Godowns, Processing Centres etc. at the Block / District level, Projects should be taken up under SGSY special projects containing 75% Central share and 25% State share. The State share should be provided in the State Budget. District-wise infrastructure proposals should be formulated under special SGSY scheme. So also to provide forward & backward linkages to increase production / productivity.

[ Action – Panchayati Raj Department ]

**7- Insurance Coverage :-**

For insurance coverage of Pisciculture / Aquaculture, the matter should be taken up with various Insurance Companies.

[ Action – F&ARD Department ]

**8- Expanding Bank Finance :-**

To increase Bank finance in Pisciculture, the matter should be taken up with appropriate functionaries of different Commercial / Cooperative Banks/Director, Institutional Finance.

[ Action – F&ARD Department ]

**REVENUE DEPARTMENT**

**1- Survey & Identification of CRZ :-**

APC-cum-ACS will take a meeting and resolve the issue relating to survey and identification of suitable Government land for Brackish Water Shrimp Culture and formulation of a suitable lease policy. Revenue Department will form a special team for survey work through own staff or outsourcing and Panchayati Raj Department will provide funds for such survey. This exercise should be completed within a specific time frame.

[ Action – Revenue Department ]

**2- Land Allotment Policy for Pisciculture :-**

Draft Land Allotment Policy should be prepared by Fisheries & ARD Department in consultation with MPEDA who shall provide information on land policy being followed in other States and forward the same to Revenue Department.

[ Action – Revenue Department & MPEDA ]

**3- CRZ Demarcation :-**

CRZ demarcation should be taken up by Revenue Department for which assistance of ORSAC may be taken. Further, the procedure for issue of CRZ certificates by Tahasildar should be simplified.

[ Action – Revenue Department & ORSAC ]

**4- Amendment of OLR Act to Include Pisciculture under the Definition of Agriculture :-**

The proposal for including Pisciculture under the definition of agriculture should be quickly finalized by amending the relevant provision of OLR Act. The amendment should also include Brackish Water Aquaculture under agriculture. The concerned file is to be submitted to Chief Secretary through Revenue Department for such consideration.

[ Action – Revenue Department ]

**PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT**

**1- Dovetailing of Funds :-**

It was noted that huge funds are coming to the districts under National Food For Work (NFFW) programme and could be utilised for renovation / creation of water bodies on Government as well as private, BPL farmers land. The Director of Fisheries, Orissa apprised the Chief Secretary that district-wise target has been allocated to all the 18 districts covered under NFFW for both Government as well as private BPL land with a target to create around 42,000 hectare water area through renovation and excavation. It was also appraised that many districts have included the proposal submitted by the District Fisheries Officer / Assistant Director of Fisheries in the District Action Plan. However, few districts have not included the proposals under NFFW programme. Chief Secretary observed that a D.O. letter should be written to the districts under his signature to include the proposal for creation of water bodies under NFFW programme to take up Scientific Pisciculture.

[ Action – F&ARD, Panchayati Raj Department & All Collectors ]

**2- G.P. Tanks Lease Policy :-**

It was appraised that as per the existing lease policy, it takes long time to get approval of Collector for the lease of tanks for 5 years. The Director of Fisheries referring the letter written to the Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department on the need for change in the existing G.P. tanks lease policy, suggested that BDOs may be given the responsibility of leasing out the G.P. tanks up to 5 years in case of Self Help Groups and up to 3 years in case of individual. In case of Self Help Groups, if the period is more than 5 years and up to 7 years and more than 3 years and up to 7 years in case of individual, Collectors may be given responsibility to lease out the G.P. tanks. Chief Secretary approving the suggestion, impressed upon the Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department to do the necessary amendment and issue necessary instructions to the districts as suggested by the Director of Fisheries.

[ Action – Panchayati Raj Department ]

**3- Lease of Reservoirs below 40 hectare :-**

It was observed reservoirs below 40 hectare transferred to the Panchayats need to be put under scientific culture. It was also observed that because there is a huge difference in the lease value; in case of reservoirs more than 40 hectares, the net lease amount is Rs.100/- per hectare whereas in case of reservoirs below 40 hectare, the rate is Rs.1875/- per hectare. On this point, Chief Secretary suggested to constitute a Committee at the district level to decide the lease value for the water bodies, which could not be leased out due to high lease value etc. The Committee will consist Project Director, DRDA or Additional Project Director, DRDA as Chairman with the District Level Fisheries Officers as Convener with the concerned BDO as the Member.

[ Action – Panchayati Raj Department & All Collectors ]

**4- Infrastructure Development for Reservoir Fishery under NFFW :-**

There is need for development of infrastructure like Captive Nursery, Fish Landing Shed, Boat & Net etc. for Reservoir Fishery. The approximate requirement has been worked out to Rs.10.20 crores. Panchayati Raj Department may advise the Collectors to take up such of the components which can be covered under NFFW programme.

[ Action – Panchayati Raj Department ]

**ENERGY DEPARTMENT**

**1- Reduction of Electricity Tariff for Pisciculture/Aquaculture related Plants:-**

Electricity tariff levied on the Shrimp Culture is felt to be very high in comparison to the neighbouring States. Fish is a perishable commodity and requires icing within one hour of catch to maintain its quality. Electricity tariff for Ice Plants / and processing plants are charged at commercial tariff. This is discouraging private entrepreneurs to set up such projects. Fisheries & ARD Department should take up the matter with OERC/ Energy Department to consider their tariff at Agriculture tariff. APICOL will follow up with the OERC/ Energy Department.

[ Action – F&ARD Department & APICOL ]

**2- Electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Gramina Bidyukaran Yojana :-**

For provision of electricity to clusters of Aquaculture / Pisciculture farms and FH/FLC/Jetties a proposal may be sent to Energy department / Concerned Distribution Companies for electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Gramina Bidyutkaran Yojana.

[ Action – F&ARD Department ]

## **FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **1- Demarcation of Wildlife Sanctuary :-**

The demarcation of Bhitarkanika Wild Life Sanctuary area should be taken up within a specific time frame by the Forest & Environment Department.

[ Action – F&E Department ]

### **2- Alternative Livelihood to Fishermen :-**

To provide alternative livelihood support, proposal should be submitted to Forest & Environment Department to consider provision of financial support @ Rs.2,000–3,000 per month for every affected fishermen family for the ban period from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> May due to conservation of Olive Ridley Sea Turtles. Forest & Environment Department should take it up with Government of India / other agencies for provision of funds.

[ Action – F&ARD & F&E Department ]

### **3- Stocking of Fingerlings in Reservoirs of more than 200 hectare MWSA :-**

Proposal should be submitted to Forest & Environment Department for taking up fingerlings stocking in Bhanjanagar, Sorada, Kuanria (Daspalla), & Nandankanan lake. So also proposal should be submitted to Forest & Environment Department for stocking of fingerlings in reservoirs having a size of more than 200 hectare.

[ Action – F&ARD & F&E Department ]

## **COOPERATION DEPARTMENT**

### **1- Short-term Working Capital Credit to Fishermen Cooperatives :-**

Proposal for provision of Short-term Working Capital Credit to Fishermen & Fishermen Cooperative Societies should be submitted to Cooperation Department / Finance Department for consideration based on the West Bengal model introduced for

the same purpose. Kisan Credit Card / Crop loan facility should be extended for Pisciculture also by the financing agencies/ banks / cooperative institutions.

[ Action – Finance & Cooperation Department ]

## **WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

### **1- Survey of MWSA of Reservoirs :-**

Survey should be taken up in the reservoirs to re-fix MWSA and the same should be completed within a specific time frame.

[ Action – Water Resources Department ]

### **2- Stump Clearance :-**

Water Resources Department should take up stump clearance from the reservoirs to facilitate pisciculture.

[ Action – Water Resources Department ]

### **3- Development of Approach Roads to Reservoirs :-**

Water Resources Department should take up steps for development of approach roads to the reservoirs. Funding can be arranged from appropriate sources like 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission award or RIDF or from their ongoing programmes.

[ Action – Water Resources Department ]

## **OTHER ISSUES**

### **1- Chandrabhaga Prawn Hatchery :-**

Chairman, MPEDA indicated that they are no more interested in the project. He suggested that it may be leased / auctioned through newspaper tender. But the proposal did not find favour and it was decided that since an offer is available from Science & Technology Department, it should be made available to them for Marine Biotechnology Park.

[ Action – F&ARD Department ]

### **2- Proposal For Marine Biotechnological Park :-**

The proposal for transfer of Department Prawn Hatchery site at Chandrabhaga to Science & Technology Department for setting up a Marine Biotechnology Park was

favoured. Fisheries & ARD Department was advised to move the file for Government approval to transfer the same to Science & Technology Department.

[ Action – F&ARD & S&T Department ]

**3- Transfer of Departmental Fish Farm to Private Entrepreneurs :-**

Steps should be taken to transfer Departmental fish farms to private entrepreneurs through auction / lease and engage fish farm employees in extension activities.

[ Action – F&ARD Department ]

**4- Development of Approach Roads to Aquaculture Clusters :-**

Director of Fisheries with the assistance of MPEDA should find out Department-wise road details – such as specific location, length of the road and amount required to Aquaculture/Pisciculture clusters. Funds may be provided from 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grant / RIDF. Proposal should be submitted to Rural Development Department & other concerned departments for taking up development / maintenance of approach roads with assistance from 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission / RIDF/ Other ongoing programmes for providing connectivity to clusters of Aquaculture / Pisciculture.

[ Action – F&ARD, Finance Department & MPEDA ]

**5- Disposal of Jagatjore-Banapada Project :-**

Jagatjore–Banapada project should be disposed of. Finance Department will provide funds for appointment of consultancy for valuation of assets and disposal.

[ Action – F&ARD & Finance Department ]

**6- Diesel Subsidy :-**

For implementation of diesel subsidy / scheme, State share should be provided in the State Budget 2005-06.

[ Action – Finance Department ]

**7- Need for Dovetailing of Funds for One Time Cost of Reservoirs :-**

The State is quite enriched with the resources in the form of reservoirs, which could be utilised for immediate boosting of fish production and improving socio-economic condition of the poor fishermen. For that, there is need for optimal stocking of fingerlings in these fertile water bodies. As most of these reservoirs are in backward tribal areas, it is difficult on the part of the society / fishermen to do the optimal stocking of fingerlings by investing the money. There is therefore need to make one time investment in the form of fingerling stocking. Subsequent stocking will be done by the fishermen out of the revolving fund generated from the sale proceeds of fish catch. It was appraised to the Chief Secretary that one time assistance required for the stocking is Rs.7.39 crores and all the Collectors have been requested to explore possibility of funding. Besides, other Departments like Water Resources Department / Panchayati Raj Department / SC & ST Development Department / Watershed / RLTA / WODC have also been requested for fingerling stocking to generate gainful employment opportunities and socio-economic development of the poor fishermen / women including SC & ST. It was decided that a D.O. letter under the signature of Chief Secretary should be written to the Collectors concerned to locate some funds at their level for stocking of fingerlings in all these reservoirs. The Chief Secretary further suggested that Panchayati Raj Department, Water Resources Department, SC & ST Development Department, P&C Department, OHPC, Forest & Environment Department etc. may also dovetail funds from ongoing programmes of DRDA, ITDA, WODC, Watershed, RLTA, RSVY etc.

[ Action – P.R., W.R., SC&ST Dev., P&C, Energy,  
F&E Department, Watershed Mission & WODC ]

**8- Monitoring of the Programme :-**

Regular meetings of FFDA should be conducted by the Collectors. So also the Collectors should monitor the Action Plans prepared by the Fisheries & ARD Department for increasing the fish production at the District level.

[ Action – All Collectors ]

- 9- The Scampi production in new areas will be developed for export purpose, and the entire subsidy required shall be met by MPEDA. F&ARD department along with MPEDA shall take up the extension activities as per the Action plan submitted by MPEDA.

[ Action –MPEDA/F&ARD ]

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

**ANNEXURE – 'I'**

**~: MEMBERS PRESENT :~**

- | <b><u>Sl.No.</u></b> | <b><u>Name</u></b>  |
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| 1-                   | <b><i>Dr. Subas Pani, IAS,</i></b><br>Chief Secretary, Orissa.  |
| 2-                   | <b><i>Dr. R. N. Bohidar, IAS,</i></b><br>APC-cum-ACS, Orissa.   |
| 3-                   | <b><i>Sri S. P. Nanda, IAS,</i></b><br>Principal Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department.          |
| 4-                   | <b><i>Sri C. J. Venugopal, IAS,</i></b><br>Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Fisheries & ARD<br>Department. |
| 5-                   | <b><i>Sri G. Mohan Kumar, IAS,</i></b><br>Chairman, MPEDA.  |
| 6-                   | <b><i>Sri Swapneswar Baya, IAS,</i></b><br>Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Panchayati Raj<br>Department.  |
| 7-                   | <b><i>Sri K. C. Badu, IAS,</i></b><br>Special Secretary to Government, Finance Department.                          |
| 8-                   | <b><i>Sri N. B. S. Rajput, IAS,</i></b><br>Director of Fisheries, Orissa, Cuttack.                                  |
| 9-                   | <b><i>Sri B. P. Sethi,</i></b> UNDP.  |
| 10-                  | <b><i>Sri S. C. Swain,</i></b> DOWR.  |
| 11-                  | <b><i>Sri A. K. Pattnaik,</i></b> CDA.  |
| 12-                  | <b><i>Sri R. N. Mishra,</i></b><br>President, Sea Food Exporters Association of India, Orissa Region.               |
| 13-                  | <b><i>Sri M. Mishra,</i></b><br>Joint Secretary to Government,<br>Revenue Department.                               |
| 14-                  | <b><i>Sri B. C. Behera,</i></b> MPEDA.  |
| 15-                  | <b><i>Sri P. K. Pramanik,</i></b> MPEDA.  |
| 16-                  | <b><i>Sri Sanjay Kumar Mohanty,</i></b> OSFA.   |
| 17-                  | <b><i>Dr. A. K. Behera,</i></b><br>Managing Director, APICOL.   |
| 18-                  | <b><i>Sri B. K. Das</i></b><br>Joint Secretary to Government,<br>Fisheries & ARD Department.                        |