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**Sub:** *Proceedings of the Technical Sub-Committee on Welfare issue, Cooperative and SHGs.*

Sir,

Inviting a reference to your letter dated Second September 05, I am directed to send herewith the minutes of discussion of the Technical Sub-Committee on Welfare issues, Cooperative & SHGs for further action at your level.

Yours faithfully,

  
ADDL. DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES

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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON WELFARE ISSUES, COOPERATIVES AND SHGs HELD ON 24.08.2005 AT 11 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES, ORISSA, CUTTACK**

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The first meeting of the technical Sub-Committee on welfare issues Cooperative and SHGs, was held on the Conference Hall of Directorate of Fisheries, Orissa, Cuttack on 24.08.2005 at 11 AM. The following members were present in the meeting.

1.	Director of Fisheries, Orissa	Chairman
2.	Manager, NABARD	Member
3.	Manager (P & GS) LIC, Bhubaneswar	Member
4.	Representative of Mission Shakti	Member
5.	Dy. Director of Fisheries (Marine)	Member
6.	Asst. Director of Fisheries (HQ)	Member
7.	Dy. Registrar Cooperative Societies (Fisheries)	Member Secretary

At the outset the Chairman Welcomed the members to the first meeting of the technical Sub-Committee on Welfare issues, Cooperatives & S.H.Gs and emphasised the importance of the above issues in view of the formulation of Comprehensive Fishery Policy. After detail deliberations, the Committee would like to recommend / suggest as follows:

**A. WELFARE ISSUES:**

**1. Cyclone Shelter-cum-Community Centre:**

Construction of Community Hall at Major Marine fishing villages, which also serve as net mending yard and Cyclone & Flood Rest Shed during the natural calamity.

**2. Drinking water facility:**

Improvement of drinking water facilities like deep wells and deep tube wells in the villages those in which there is no facility or sufficient provision of the same.

2A. Deciding on the status of the sea shore villages of marine fishermen, preferably recognising their right of residence and declaring these as revenue villages so that the normal development programmes of the Govt. can be made applicable to the villages.

**3. Communication Linkage:**

Development of road to the marine fishing villages and landing centre.

**4. Education:**

Establishment of Non Formal Education Centres for the children and other interested fishermen.

**5. Regarding alternative livelihood:**

In course of discussion with the Stakeholders of marine Fishery, their options for alternative livelihood should be obtained for necessary incorporation in the policy as it differs from one marine base to other.

**6. Sea Safety:**

Early weather warning system and information on potential fishing zone to be established in the coast near the important landing centres with at least 5 nos. for each coastal district.

**7. Settlement:**

Re-settlement of the affected fishermen near the Interim Test Range, Chandipur, Nandapatna and Gopalpur etc. during the artillery practice may be made keeping in view the suitability of the fishermen without hampering to the sentiment and social structure.

**8. Special Provisions:**

Provision of old-age pension / invalid pension, landless house holding, Government should be moved for considering the full time / occasional fishermen whose household does not own a boat at par with the landless labourer.

**9. Shelter:**

Provision of sufficient houses under "Development of Model Fishermen Village" of Centrally Sponsored Welfare Scheme is to be made.

**10. Activation of Organisations:**

Revitalisation and extension of the Co-operative Societies / NGOs for their active participation in the implementation of the Welfare Scheme.

**11. Electrification:**

Development of electrification and through windmill at the remote place may be provided.

## **12. Social Securities:**

Insurance coverage and Saving-cum-Relief Scheme assistance may be provided to all the eligible fishermen at the right time.

## **13. Human Resource Development:**

Marine fishermen resource development through demonstration, field visit and training of improved fisheries techniques, maintenance and management of artificial reef to the leading fishermen is to be provided.

## **B. COOPERATIVES:**

1. Gujrat state ANANDA is one of the States having highest development in different Areas of Co-operatives. A team may be sent to that state to visit Ideal Co-cooperative Institution and study Co-cooperative activities.
2. Adequate logistic support is essential for proper guidance, close monitoring and effective supervision of the Co-operative institutions, in view of the number of Co-operative Institutions adequate manpower is necessary.
3. Adequate credit support to the individual members of the Fishery Cooperative Societies should be provided to go for different fishery activities.
4. Integrated pisciculture is to be introduced at the P.F.C.S. level for socio-economic development of the poor Fishermen community.
5. Members of the Fishery Cooperative Societies are to be motivated for deposit mobilisation and enhance share capital to strengthen the economic viability of the Institution without completely depending on loan.
6. Due to lack of proper marketing fish and fish products, the poor fishermen are exploited by the middleman. Hence there is every need to create an appropriate marketing strategy both for wholesale and retail point. This will ad to economical viability of the Cooperative Institutions.
7. Storage facilities should be available at convenient places for storage of fish and fish products along with transportation facilities.
8. Wherever necessary export potentiality is to be developed through the involvement of Cooperatives.
9. Technical centres at selected places may be opened which will help the fishermen, for net weaving and boat manufacturing.

10. Priority should be given to Cooperatives for taking G.P. tanks, swampy lands and pherighats.
11. The current status of the Cooperative institutions should be evaluated and local workshops organised for better awareness of the fishermen to ensure close involvement in their respective Cooperative Institutions.
12. The members of the Cooperatives should be provided exposure visit to compare their current practices with best one.

### **C. SELF-HELP GROUPS:**

1. Suggestions given to cover at least one G.P. tank in each G.P. in every year by women SHGs.
2. The derelict G.P. tanks to be renovated through NFFW programme
3. More SHGs may be involved in Reservoir fishery
4. Possibility of creating infrastructures under special SGSY programme may be suggested wherein the SHGs can take part for rearing and stocking of seed
5. Some SHGs have not been able to stock their fish ponds with fingerlings due to financial hardship in Western Orissa districts. Hence, Western Orissa Development Council (WODC) be requested for dovetailing of funds (one time grant, as released earlier)
6. "Mission Shakti" may release funds for skill up-gradation training of women SHGs pisciculture
7. As requested by Mission Shakti a State Level Fishery Trade based "Federation" may be formed for which Mission Shakti will provide fund.
8. Like Women SHGs, skill up-gradation training on pisciculture for men SHGs may be conducted with assistance through agencies like WODC / ITDA / SGSY
9. SHGs may be strengthened through Micro finance.

### **Besides**

1. The Manager (P & GS) LIC, Bhubaneswar suggested that, there should be wide coverage of the scheme "Janashree Bima Yojanan" alongwith increasing the group size.

2. (a) The representative of Mission Shakti suggested that all the women SHGs should be given Technical skill up-gradation training for 3 to 4 days instead of 2 days.
- (b) He further suggested to form a State level trade based Federation of the SHGs
- 3.(a) The Manager, NABARD suggested that more number of SHGs should be formed in the Marine Sector
- (b) He further suggested that, adequate marketing infrastructure should be created to take care of fish production
- (c) He also suggested that, tanks should be given to SHGs after proper renovation. Technical supports and adequate training should be given to SHGs after the G.P. tanks are given to them on lease.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all the participants.

  
**Chairman**  
**and Director of Fisheries,**  
**Orissa, Cuttack**

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