

Minutes of the 1st Project Sanctioning Committee Meeting of Support to Training & Employment Programme for women (STEP) Scheme during the year 2010-11

(Venue: Additional Secretary (WCD) Chamber)

Date: 14th July, 2010

The 1st meeting of the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) during the year 2010-11 was held on 14th July, 2010 under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development to consider the proposals under the STEP Scheme. The list of participants of the meeting is at **Annexure A**.

The Project Sanctioning Committee considered the following proposals for approval and recommended as follows:

Item No.	Name of the Federation/ Organization	Trade/ Sector	No. of benef./ Project Duration	PSC's recommendations
1	Karnataka Milk Producers' Cooperative Federation Limited, Bangalore	Dairy (Phase VII)	10000 3 Years	The Committee observed that the Federation has vast experience of implementing such projects since they have already completed four projects and three projects are under implementation and they are financially sound. Representative of the Federation clarified that there will not be any duplication of beneficiaries since all the new beneficiaries are envisaged to be covered under this project. The committee also observed that the Federation has submitted the success story of earlier projects. Therefore, the Committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 800 lakhs.
2	Karnataka Milk Producers' Cooperative Federation Limited, Bangalore	Dairy (Phase VIII)	10000 4 Years	The Committee observed that the Federation has vast experience of implementing such projects since they have already completed four projects and three projects are under implementation and they are financially sound. Representative of the Federation clarified that there will not be any duplication of beneficiaries since all the new beneficiaries are envisaged to be covered under this project. The committee also observed that the Federation has submitted the success story of earlier projects. Therefore, the Committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 800 lakhs.
3	Sahiyar Mahila Hastkala Utpadak Sahkari Mandli Ltd. Ahmadabad, Gujarat.	Handicrafts	500 2 Years	The Committee was convinced with the explanation offered by representative of the organisation about cost-benefit analysis and marketing linkages for the project. However, keeping in view the financial position of the organisation, the Committee approved the project for 200 beneficiaries at the per capita cost of Rs. 7534 with the condition that the amount proposed for purchase of Computer, Water Cooler will be deleted from the project.

4	Hariom Charitable Trust, Ahmadabad	Handicrafts	200 2 Years	Although, the Committee observed that the organisation has reduced the intended number of beneficiaries to 200 as desired by the Committee in earlier meeting, it was also observed that the per capita cost of the project is on higher side. Therefore, the Committee approved the project for 200 beneficiaries subject to the condition that the organisation will revise the per capita cost of the project to Rs. 7534 only.
5	Parakh Trust, Himmatnagar, District, Sabarkantha, Gujarat	Handicrafts	200 2 Years	Although, the Committee observed that the organisation has reduced the intended number of beneficiaries to 200 as desired by the Committee in earlier meeting, it was also observed that the per capita cost of the project is on higher side. Therefore, the Committee approved the project for 200 beneficiaries subject to the condition that the organisation will revise the per capita cost of the project to Rs. 7534 only.
6	Arun Institute of Rural Affairs, Dhenkanal, Orissa.	Goatery	500 2 Years	The Committee observed that the sustainability of the project is doubtful as representative of the organisation could not explain about the arrangement proposed for the credit facility to be provided to the beneficiaries. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
7	Rural Artisans Welfare Society, Jammu, J&K	Handicrafts	500 3 Years	Keeping in view the experience, financial position and satisfactory explanation offered by representative of the organisation, the Committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 31.73 lakhs.
8	Dyandeeep Jankalyan Foundation, Pune	Goatery	600 3 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation has adequate experience in imparting various types of training, however, it was also felt that the documentary proof for training of beneficiaries under this project has not been furnished by the organisation. Therefore, the committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 40.00 lakhs subject to the condition that the organisation will submit documentary proof regarding tie-ups made for training of beneficiaries and Audited Statement of Accounts of the organisation for the year 2008-09 & 2009-10.
9	Shri Gajanan Maharaj Kurshi & Saikshanik Sanstha, Distt. Buldana, Maharashtra	Dairy	1500 3 Years	The representative of the organisation explained about their experience in the sector and they also elaborated the technical intricacies involved with the project. The Committee approved the project for 900 beneficiaries (300 each for 3 years) subject to the condition that the organisation will submit the revised cost break-up for 900 beneficiaries at the per capita cost of Rs. 8000/-.

10	Shri Swami Satyanand Saraswati Sikshan Prasarak Mandal, Aurangabad	Dairy	1000 3 Years	The Committee deferred the project as representative of the organisation could not attend the meeting.
11	Siddhanatha Coop. Sheli Mendi Palan & Utpadan Sansthan Ltd. Sangli Distirict, Maharashtra	Goatery	2400 3 Years	Representative of the organisation failed to show any documentary proof regarding their experience in the Dairy sector. The Committee also observed that financial position of the organisation is not sound enough as their turnover is very meagre keeping in view the proposed cost of the project. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
12	Friends Forum, Thiruvananthapuram	Dairy	500 3 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation does not have adequate experience in the Dairy sector. Committee also observed that financial position of the organisation is not sound enough to undertake such project. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
13	Gandhigram Social Welfare & Study Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Agriculture	500 3 Years	The committee was not convinced with the explanation offered by representative of the organisation and was of the view that the organisation should approach National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for such activities. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
14	Vayalar Memorial Youth Club, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Dairy	500 2 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation does not have adequate experience in the Dairy sector. Committee also observed that financial position of the organisation is not sound enough to undertake such project. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
15	Assam Centre for Rural Development, Guwahati, Assam	Piggery	500 2 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has adequate experience in the concerned field and earlier they have also implemented one STEP project. Therefore, the Committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 40.00 lakhs subject to the condition that the organisation will revise the component-wise cost of the project as per the fixed norms of the scheme.
16	Man & Wild, Kamrup, Assam.	Handlooms	950 3 Years	Representation of the organisation explained that they have adequate experience since they have implemented one such project in the state of Meghalaya which was funded by the Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and some documents in support of the claim was also shown to the Committee. However, the committee was of the view that the organisation is new to the Handlooms sector and they also do not have expertise of handling such a big project and there is no tie up for marketing link. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.

17	Xavier's Foundation, Guwahati, Assam	Dairy	550 3 years	The committee observed that the organisation is new to the field of Dairy sector and they also do not have expertise of handling such a big project. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
18	Sarvodaya Education and Welfare Society, Gwalior	Handicrafts	540 3 Years	Keeping in view the explanation offered by representative of the organisation, the Committee approved the project for 300 beneficiaries (150 each for 2 years) subject to the condition that the organisation will submit revised cost break-up for 300 beneficiaries at the per capita of Rs. 7972/-.
19	Women's Voluntary Organisation, Imphal, Manipur	Dairy	200 2 Years	The representative of the organization could not explain the process to implement the project and did not answer certain important issues related to credit facilities and marketing tie-up and they were advised to explain the issues in details. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
20	Voluntary Service Centre, Imphal, Manipur	Goatery	200 2 Years	The representative of the organization was not aware about the different components to be provided under the project and not aware about the outcome to be achieved after the completion of the project. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project
21	Bishwanath Mahila Kalyan Samiti, Imphal East, Manipur	Goatery	200 2 Years	The representative of the organization has explained the project in detail and gave satisfactory answers about the various processes involved in the implementation of the project and Committee was convinced with the answers given by the organization. Therefore, the Committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 32.00 lakhs
22	Nupi Khunai, Oinam, Bishnupur District, Manipur	Duckery	250 3 Years	The Committee opined that the project was not viable and the organization did not have adequate experience of implementing such a project. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
23	Society for Human Advancement in Rural Areas (SAHARA), Imphal East, Manipur	Goatery	200 2 Years	The representative of the organization has explained the main features of the project and was well aware about the outcome to be achieved after the completion of the project and committee was satisfied with the reply given by the organization. Therefore, the Committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 32.00 lakhs
24	National Association of Fisherman, Imphal	Duckery	500 2 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such Skill Development programme. Committee also noticed deficit in the audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.

25	Human Development Society, Imphal (West), Manipur	Piggery	500 2 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
26	Meaningful life Foundation, Thoubal, Manipur	Goatery	500 2 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
27	The Institute of Tribal Development, Ukhrul	Piggery	500 2 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
28	Rural Upliftment Society, Zunhyegoto, Nagaland.	Piggery	510 3 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
29	Zion Welfare Society, Nagaland	Piggery	682 3 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
30	Guzi Multipurpose Coop. Society Ltd. Kohima, Nagaland	Piggery	510 3 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
31	Five Star Society, Hakchang, Nagaland	Piggery	525 2 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that no substantial activity was reflected in the Audited accounts of the organisation and financial position of the organisation is also not sound enough. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.

32	Tsathrongo Multipurpose Society, Kiphire, Nagaland	Piggery	510 2 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
33	Vikehie Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Village- Dihoma, Kohima, Nagaland	Dairy	504 3 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that no substantial activity was reflected in the Audited accounts of the organisation and financial position of the organisation is also not sound enough. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
34	Lotha Women & Children Welfare Society, Wokha, Nagaland	Piggery	500 2 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that no substantial activity was reflected in the Audited accounts of the organisation and financial position of the organisation is also not sound enough. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
35	Khoya Women Welfare Society, Kohima, Nagaland	Piggery	510 2 Years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and the project cost was also on higher side. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
36	Ketou Society, Kohima, Nagaland	Piggery	510 3 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has no adequate experience in implementing such project. The Committee also noticed that the activities mentioned in the Annual Report did not match with the Audited accounts of the organisation and therefore did not approve the project.
37	Doyang Valley Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. Riphyim Old Village, Wokha, Nagaland	Piggery	1000 3 Years	The representative of the organization has explained that due to Doyang hydro electric power project the catchment area is submerged and it has made the people landless and especially the women are at disadvantaged position leading to acute poverty and miseries. To provide some relief to the women, the organization is engaging them in some economic activity but that is not sufficient to provide them a suitable and dignified life and they have already identified 1000 women with photo identity cards for imparting the training and Technical Department has also supported the project. Therefore, the Committee approved the project for 300 beneficiaries for 2 years at the per capita cost of Rs. 15,991/-

38	Manav Sewa Samiti, Jaipur	Vermicompost	900 3 Years	The Committee was not convinced with the explanation offered by the representative of the organisation regarding technical intricacies involved with the project. Any documentary proof regarding experience of the organisation in the concerned sector was also not forthcoming. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
39	Deep Vidhya Mandir Samiti, Dausa	Vermicompost	500 3 Years	The Committee was not convinced with the explanation offered by the representative of the organisation regarding technical intricacies involved with the project. Any documentary proof regarding experience of the organisation in the concerned sector was also not forthcoming. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
40	Rural Environment Awareness Training Institute, Dausa	Vermicompost	500 3 Years	The Committee was not convinced with the explanation offered by the representative of the organisation regarding technical intricacies involved with the project. Any documentary proof regarding experience of the organisation in the concerned sector was also not forthcoming. Therefore, the Committee did not approve the project.
41	Society for Agro Based Industrial Development, Nirjuli, Papum Pare District	Piggery	500 2 years	The Committee deferred the project as representative of the organisation could not attend the meeting.
42	Katwa Silpa Samava Samiti Ltd. Burdwan, West Bengal	Handlooms	500 3 years	The Committee observed that the organisation has adequate experience in the field of Handlooms as they are working in this field since 1954 and they are financially sound. It was also observed that the organisation is taking assistance from other Ministries/Departments in the Handlooms sector. Therefore, the Committee approved the project at a total cost of Rs. 40.00 lakhs subject to the condition that the organisation will submit the updated list of beneficiaries duly certified by the Director (Handlooms), Govt. of West Bengal that these beneficiaries are not being covered under any other scheme being financed by the GOI to avoid duplication of beneficiaries.

General Observations on the projects approved by the Committee -

- I. The Committee desired that organisation will ensure online updating about the status of project implementation in the prescribed format in case of the projects which are sanctioned under the scheme.
- II. The Committee desired that the organisations are required to issue Photo I-card to the beneficiaries in the cases which are sanctioned under the scheme.

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

List of participants who attended the 1st Project Sanctioning Committee(PSC) Meeting of Support to Training & Employment Programme for women (STEP) Scheme during the year 2010-11 held on 14th July, 2010

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Smt. G. Satyabati Devi, Director, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Manipur
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