

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Sanctioning Committee Meeting of Support to Training & Employment Programme for women (STEP) Scheme**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) during the year 2010-11 was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development to consider the proposals for financial assistance to eligible organisations under the STEP Scheme. The list of participants who attended the meeting is at **Annexure A**.

The Project Sanctioning Committee considered the following proposals and gave the following recommendations:

Item No.	Name of the Federation/ Organization	Trade/ Sector	No. of beneficiaries/ Project Duration proposed	PSC's recommendations
1.	A.P. Women's Cooperative Finance Corporation Ltd.,  Andhra Pradesh	Handlooms	4800 4 years	Mrs. Vijaya Shree of the organization explained the project. After detailed discussions about the different aspects of the project proposal, the Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>1600 beneficiaries</b> at a total cost of <b>Rs. 120.00 lakhs</b> . The organization will cover two districts of Andhra Pradesh and complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> . As the accounts of the organization are in arrears, it was decided that the organization will submit audited accounts before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of the grant is released to them.
2.	A.P. Women's Cooperative Finance Corporation Ltd.,  Andhra Pradesh	Khadi & Village Industries	4800 4 years	Mrs. Vijaya Shree of the organization explained their project. After detailed discussions about the different aspects of the project proposal, the Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>1600 beneficiaries</b> at a total cost of <b>Rs. 103.88 lakhs</b> . The organization will cover two districts of Andhra Pradesh and complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> . As the accounts of the organization are in arrears, it was decided that the organization will submit audited accounts before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of the grant is released to them.
3.	Kerala Feeds Ltd., Thrissur District,  Kerala	Goatery	10000 2 years	Dr. Suresh Kumar, Managing Director of Kerala Feeds Ltd., explained the project to the PSC. The Committee observed that the project does not appear to be feasible or viable. The returns shown heavily depend on the marketing of goat milk for which no authentic data on the market or future requirement is available. Mortality of the kids has also not been taken into account in the project. The Committee therefore decided to consider the project

				only after deficiencies indicated are properly taken care of.
4.	B.G. Memorial Society, Baramulla,  Jammu & Kashmir	Handicrafts	600 3 years	Shri Surjeet Singh of the organization explained their project. The Committee observed that the organization intends to implement the project in Baramulla district of Jammu & Kashmir, which is a border area. The Committee also observed that the organization has already implemented AHVY Schemes funded by the Ministry of Textiles and the financial position is also sound. Therefore, the committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>600 beneficiaries</b> at a total cost of <b>Rs. 47.00 Lakhs</b> . The organization will cover poorest of the poors of Baramulla district in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year and complete the project within a period of <b>3 years</b> .
5.	Association for Social Health in India,  Jammu & Kashmir	Khadi & Village Industries	600 3 years	The representative of the organization didn't appear before the PSC. Therefore, the project proposal was <b>deferred</b> till the next meeting.
6.	Krishnakath Sahakari Dudh Vyavasaik Sanstha, Sangli District,  Maharashtra	Dairy	1500 3 years	Shri H. V. Mahadik, Chairman of the organization explained their project. After detailed deliberations, the Committee observed that the project of the organization is commercial in nature and does not fulfill the objectives of STEP Scheme. The project was also not supported by the Technical Department. Therefore, the Committee <b>rejected</b> the project proposal.
7.	Shri Swami Satyanand Saraswati Sikshan Prasarak Mandal,  Aurangabad	Dairy	1000 3 years	Shri E.B. Parersdhwari of the organization explained the project. The committee observed that the organization has been engaged in conducting rural development and awareness programme in rural areas and holding eye camps, awareness on AIDS issues, women related issues, and they do not have any experience in conducting income generation activities. Therefore, the Committee <b>rejected</b> the project proposal.
8.	Golaghat Nirman Mahila Gut, Golaghat  Assam	Goatery	1000 2 years	Shri A.C. Sarma of the organization appeared before the PSC to explain the project. He also submitted the revised proposal. The Committee observed that the revised proposal submitted by the organization is technically sound, but it is not clear from the documents submitted by them whether they have any infrastructure or technical experts available for the operation of such a big project of 1000 beneficiaries. Moreover, the claim of the organization that they have distributed 200 goats amongst

				beneficiaries is not supported by documentary evidence. Therefore, the Committee <b>rejected</b> the project proposal.
9.	Garden Reach Slum Development, Kolkata,  West Bengal	Handicrafts	500 3 years	Shri Mehtab Alam, Secretary of the organization explained their project. The Committee observed that three proposals of the organization were considered in the first PSC meeting held on 22-24 <sup>th</sup> December, 2009 and in the said meeting, it was desired that the State Govt. of West Bengal may review these three proposals of the organization afresh and resubmit them after undertaking need analysis. The Committee noticed that instead of giving any comments or undertaking need analysis, the State Govt. of West Bengal simply forwarded one project of the organization for the consideration of the PSC. Therefore, the committee <b>rejected</b> the project.
10.	New Public School Samiti, Lucknow,  Uttar Pradesh	Handicrafts	1000 3 years	Shri S. M. Pandey, Chairman of the organization explained their project. During discussions, the representative of the organization informed that one project for 1000 beneficiaries under STEP Scheme was sanctioned to them in 2003 and they have completed it in Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh successfully. But, He could not produce balance sheet and other supporting documents in support of his claim about the present proposal, which was sought by the members of the Committee. Therefore, the Committee decided to <b>defer</b> the project proposal for the next meeting.
11.	AATMAN Foundation, Mirzapur,  Uttar Pradesh	Handicrafts	840 3 years	Shri Ajay, President of the organization explained their project. The Committee appreciated the project, but decided to cut out infrastructure development and cost of establishment of co-operatives proposed in view of the existing facilities in the organization. The Committee also observed that the financial position of the organization is sound and they are already engaged in conducting activities in the handicrafts sector. The committee therefore <b>approved</b> the project for <b>300 beneficiaries</b> at a reduced total cost of <b>Rs. 15.60 Lakhs</b> . The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> . The Committee also directed the organization to produce a certificate from the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh certifying that the proposed beneficiaries are not covered under any other scheme being financed by Govt. of India, so as to avoid duplication of any of the beneficiaries.

12.	Mahila Utthan Sansthan, Barabanki,  Uttar Pradesh	Handicrafts	200 2 years	Shri Kamil Sidhique, Chairman of the organization explained the project, which was revised in view of directions of the PSC held in December 2009. The Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>200 beneficiaries</b> at a revised total cost of <b>Rs. 15.74 Lakhs</b> for components such as skill up-gradation training, raw material, equipment for training & production, support services and contingency only. The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> . The Committee directed the organization to produce a certificate from the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh certifying that the proposed beneficiaries are not covered under any other scheme being financed by Govt. of India.
13.	Centre for Oriental Research & Development, Lucknow,  Uttar Pradesh	Handicrafts	200 2 years	Mrs. Supriya Verma, Executive Director of the organization explained the project, which was revised in view of the decision of PSC held in December 2009. The Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>200 beneficiaries</b> at a revised total cost of <b>Rs. 22.59 Lakhs</b> . The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> . The Committee directed the organization to produce a certificate from the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh certifying that the proposed beneficiaries are not covered under any other scheme being financed by Govt. of India so as to ensure that there is no duplication of beneficiaries.
14.	Navyug Gramodyog Samiti, Allahabad District,  Uttar Pradesh	Khadi & Village Industries	500 3 years	Shri N.P. Singh, Manager of the organization explained their project. The Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>200 beneficiaries</b> at a revised total cost of <b>Rs. 7.20 Lakhs</b> for the components such as skill up-gradation training and raw material & equipments for training & production only. The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> .
15.	Solidarity of the Nation Society, Lucknow,  Uttar Pradesh	Handicrafts	900 3 years	Shri Arjun Singh, Executive Director of the organization explained their project. The Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>900 beneficiaries</b> at a revised total cost of <b>Rs. 36.24 Lakhs</b> . The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>3 years</b> . The committee directed the organization to produce a certificate from the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh certifying that the proposed beneficiaries are not covered under any other scheme being financed by Govt. of India.

16.	Bui Welfare Society, Upper Subansiri District,  Arunachal Pradesh	Goatery	700 2 years	Shri Rode Bui of the organization explained their project. The Committee observed that the proposal has been supported by the Technical Department and also the financial position of the organization is sound. The Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>250 beneficiaries</b> at a total cost of <b>Rs. 19.04 Lakhs</b> . The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> . The State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh will ensure that the organization is supported by the Technical Department or the State University.
17.	Society for Agro Based Industrial Development, Papumpara District,  Arunachal Pradesh	Piggery	500 2 years	Smt. L. Jolly of the organization explained their project. The Committee <b>approved</b> the project in principal and asked the organization to recast the financial proposal and resubmit the project proposal to the M/o W&CD with the revised estimates.
18.	R.K. Mossang Memorial Society,  Arunachal Pradesh	Piggery	500 2 years	Shri R. Mossang of the organization and explained their project. The Committee was convinced with the answers given by him regarding various processes involved in the implementation of the project. The Committee observed that the proposal of the organization will help as a preventive measure for women from going into prostitution. The Committee also observed that the proposal of the organization has been supported by the Technical Department and also the financial position is sound. Therefore, the Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>200 beneficiaries</b> at a total cost of <b>Rs. 11.55 Lakhs</b> . The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> .
19.	Rural Development Society, Thoubal,  Manipur	Piggery	500 2 years	Shri L. Damu Singh, Chief Project Coordinator of the organization appeared before the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) and explained the project. The Committee advised the organization to submit revised cost estimate of the project keeping per capita cost less than Rs. 10, 000/-. Accordingly, the project proposal was <b>deferred</b> till the next meeting.
20.	Longmai Multipurpose Association, Tamenglong District,  Manipur	Piggery	500 2 years	Shri Daisinglung of the organization and explained the project. The Committee observed that the organization has been engaged in organising women and child related health care programmes and life stock rearing programmes and they do not have any experience in conducting activities in the piggery sector. The Committee also observed that the

				financial position of the organization is not sound. Therefore, the Committee <b>rejected</b> the project.
21.	Renu Handloom & Handicrafts Cooperative Society, Imphal East,  Manipur	Handlooms	500 3 years	Smt. A. Renu, Secretary of the organization explained the project. The Committee observed that the proposal of the organization has been supported by the Technical Department and the financial position of the organisation is sound. The Committee appreciated the project, but decided to cut out the administrative & project staff costs and components relating to infrastructure development and establishment of co-operatives in view of the existing facilities. Therefore, the Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>200 beneficiaries</b> at a revised total cost of <b>Rs. 9.22 Lakhs</b> . The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> .
22.	Progressive Welfare Association Imphal West,  Manipur	Handicrafts	500 2 years	Shri Aijam Santosh, Project Co-ordinator of the organization explained their project. The Committee observed that the organization has been engaged in organising environment and consumer awareness programmes, free health care camps, etc. and they do not have any experience in conducting activities in handicrafts sector as required in the Scheme. The Committee also observed that the financial position of the organization is not sound. Therefore, the Committee <b>rejected</b> the project.
23.	Resource Development Agency, Imphal East,  Manipur	Handlooms	500 2 years	Shri E. Dwejendra, Secretary of the organization explained their project. The Committee observed that the organization doesn't have sufficient number of workers and is not financially sound enough to implement such project. Therefore, the Committee <b>rejected</b> the project.
24.	Agape Foundation Society, Tamenglong District,  Manipur	Piggery	500 2 years	Shri Dibou Bariampan, Administrator of the organization explained their project. The Committee observed that Tamenglong district of Manipur, in which the organization is proposing to implement the project, is the poorest district of the State and is a very difficult area near Burma border. The Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>200 beneficiaries</b> at a total cost of <b>Rs. 19.00 Lakhs</b> [15.80+3.20 (special grant)]. The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> .
25.	Women & Children Guidance Centre, Imphal East,	Handicrafts	200 2 years	Shri W. Pradip Singh of the organization explained their project. The Committee approved the proposal for 200 beneficiaries for 2 years subject to the

	Manipur			condition that the organization will resubmit the revised estimate immediately keeping per capita cost within Rs. 8000/-. Accordingly, the organization resubmitted the revised estimate of the project at a total budget of Rs. 15.41 Lakhs and per capita cost Rs. 7705/-. The Committee finally <b>approved</b> the project for <b>200 beneficiaries</b> at a total cost of <b>Rs. 14.62 Lakhs</b> . The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> .
26.	Charity Group society, Kohima  Nagaland	Dairy	510 2 years	Shri Sabiliyangar, Secretary of the organization explained their project. He told the Committee that the organization proposes to make a group of 50 beneficiaries and each group will be supplied with 9 cows. The Committee observed that the project proposal is not viable in the present form. The representative of the Technical Department also did not support the proposal. Therefore, the Committee <b>rejected</b> the project proposal.
27.	Limasar Piggery Cooperative Society Ltd., Mokokchung,  Nagaland	Piggery	682 3 years	The representative of the organization explained their project. The Committee observed that the organization has experience in organizing activities under piggery sector and the financial position of it, is also financially sound. The Committee was convinced with the answers given by the representative of the organization regarding various processes involved in the implementation of the project, however, the overall cost of the components of the project needed revision. Accordingly, the Committee <b>approved</b> the project for <b>250 beneficiaries</b> at a revised total cost of <b>Rs. 9.62 Lakhs</b> only. The organization will complete the project within a period of <b>2 years</b> .

**General Observations made by the Committee :**

- I. The Committee advised that all sanction letters issued to the eligible organisations may be endorsed to the nodal Department of the State Govts so that they are fully on board.
- II. It was suggested that organisations receiving grant-in-aid will put in place a system to ensure online updating about the status of project implementation in the prescribed format.
- III. The organisations may be asked to issue Photo I-card to the beneficiaries..

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

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## **ANNEXURE-A**

**List of participants who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Sanctioning Committee(PSC) Meeting of Support to Training & Employment Programme for women (STEP) Scheme during the year 2010-11 held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.**

### **MWCD**

Shri Sudhir Kumar, Additional Secretary (WCD) (In chair)  
Dr. Sadhana Rout (Joint Secretary)  
Shri P. K. Thakur Director (Finance)  
Shri L. Saikia, Director  
Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPPCD  
Shri A. M. Kumar, Under Secretary

### **EXPERTS**

Dr. Rajan Gupta, Pr. Scientist ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, Ministry of Agriculture  
Dr. R.V.P. Singh, Research Officer, Planning Commission.  
Shri S. Adinarayan, Asstt. Director, O/o Development Commissioner (Handlooms).

### **STATE GOVT. REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. R.S. Patil, Dy. Commissioner, Deptt. of Women & Child Development, Govt. of Maharashtra  
Mrs. N. Rinqu, Dy. Director, Deptt. of Women & Child Development, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh  
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