

**CENTRAL SILK BOARD**  
**Bengaluru - 560 068**

**Minutes of the 133<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Central Silk Board held at CSB Complex, Madivala, Bengaluru on 15.02.2017**

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Central Silk Board was held in the Board Room of CSB, Madivala, Bengaluru under the chairmanship of Shri K.M.Hanumantharayappa, Chairman of the Central Silk Board on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at 10.30 a.m. The list of participants of Board Meeting is appended.

Dr. H. Nagesh Prabhu, IFS, Member Secretary and Member Convener welcomed newly joined Chairman Shri K.M.Hanumantharayappa, Vice-Chairman of Central Silk Board Shri Puneet Agarwal, IAS., Joint Secretary (Silk), MOT, New Delhi, all Members of the Board, Invitees and Officers from Board Secretariat to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.

The Chairperson Shri K.M. Hanumantharayappa, the Chairman of Central Silk Board felicitated all the Board Members. In his opening remarks, he informed that there is need to focus on production of quality silk to reduce import of Chinese Silk. The bivoltine silk production has increased from 3870 MT in 2014-15 to 4615 MT in 2015-16 showing an increase of 19%. With this kind of growth, India will be able to become self-sufficient and produce the entire requirement of import substitute silk by 2020. Vanya silk production has also increased from 7320 MT from 2014-15 to 8045 MT in 2015-16 showing an increase of 10%. He has also informed that Eri silk production in North East Region is also increasing considerably. Vanya silks are produced only in India and there are no global competitors. Under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) of Govt. of India, two sericulture projects are under implementation in all NE States with the total project cost of Rs.820 crores to boost vanya silks.

The Chairman informed that after closure of CDP during 2015-16, Govt. of India is allocating limited funds under Central Sector Schemes for development of Sericulture in the country and requested State Sericulture Departments to tap resources under State Plan as also through convergence with Govt. of India flagship schemes like MGNREGA and RKVY. In the current financial year, Ministry of Textiles has allocated more funds under SCSP and TSP, which will benefit more

tribal rearers and reelers. He urged that the silk production should reach the target of 32,000 MT by end of March 2017 and in this direction all States Sericulture Departments should join hands and cooperate with CSB for overall development of Silk Industry in the country and to make India a Leader in Global Silk Market.

Shri Puneet Agarwal, IAS., Joint Secretary (Silk), Ministry of Textiles informed that the Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles has convened a meeting at Bangalore on 20.12.2016 and at New Delhi on 10-02-2017 with the stake holders of silk industry covering Famers, Chawki Rearers, Seed Producers, Reelers, Weavers, Traders, Scientists, etc., to deliberate and address field problems. He suggested for convergence efforts as a practical solutions to address certain field problems. The recommendations of the stake holders will help the Ministry to finalise the National Textile Policy.

Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussions.

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Central Silk Board held at SKICC, Srinagar.**

The minutes of the 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Central Silk Board held on 25.05.2016 at Srinagar (J&K) were circulated among the Members. Since, no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

**Item No.2: Follow-up action on the minutes of 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Central Silk Board held at SKICC, Srinagar.**

1. With regard to waiving off loan amount and accrued penal interest relating to multi-end reeling units established during IX Plan, it was decided that Karnataka State case may be considered separately, as the State has paid 50% State share towards outstanding dues and advised other States to mobilise one time payment to clear this pending dues. The Commissioner of Sericulture, Govt. of Orissa suggested to avail funds through Credit Guarantee Scheme of SIDBI / MUDRA Bank for promoting post cocoon sector
2. With regard to furnishing utilisation certificate for the funds released under CDP / CSS, it was suggested to pursue with States to furnish UCs at the earliest. CSB will be able to consider further release of funds under CSS, if the pending UCs for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 is fully cleared by March 2017.

3. Regarding development of silk industry in Bhagalpur, the Board took note of the action initiated by CSB for establishing fabric processing unit with Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP), supply of newly developed Buniyad machines to replace thigh reeling, organising training programme under technology upgradation programme, strengthening of DCTSC, Bhagalpur, feasibility study for sericulture development in Buxer, Kaimur and Rohtas districts of Bihar.
4. As regards recovery of excess payment made for those 402 CSB officials while re-fixing the pay, the Joint Secretary (Silk) suggested CSB to furnish the latest DoPT instructions along with the comments of CSB to Ministry for taking further action in the matter.
5. Development of Sericulture in J&K:
  - For development of sericulture under pre and post-cocoon sector in J&K State, it was suggested that Govt. of J&K may obtain funds under special PM's package, MGNREGA, RKVY, etc, as CSB will not be able to release funds under CSS due to limited budget allocation during 2016-17. It was decided to revise the MGNREGA convergence guidelines jointly issued by MORD and MOT vide letter No.J-11017/17/2013-MGNREGA (UN)(Part-II) dated 8th October 2013 by revising the unit cost and counterpart funding.
  - Regarding establishing one more Research Extension Centre in J&K, Member Secretary stated that it is not possible to establish one more REC in J&K due to various administrative reasons. However, the services of existing CSR&TI - Pampore, RSRS-Jammu, RECs can be extended for sericulture development in Jammu & Kashmir.
  - It was decided to post required scientific / technical staff for strengthening SCTH, Jammu for supporting post cocoon sector in J&K state.
  - The State of J&K has good potential for Bivoltine sericulture and the state should take necessary steps to promote Bivoltine in coordination with CSB
6. Regarding creating promotional avenues to technical staff of CSB both at Board Secretariat and Field, it was appraised to the Board that a cadre review committee has been constituted on 01.11.2016 to examine the stagnation levels and promotional avenues and to make suitable recommendations as per existing rules. The Committee has been advised to submit report by 28.02.2017.

7. Regarding implementation of FCS, the Joint Secretary, MOT and Vice-Chairman stated that there is a huge financial involvement (almost Rs.56.0 crore) if FCS is implemented uniformly to all CSB Scientists. The Supreme Court order in this case does not provide for implementation of FCS uniformly to all the Scientists. Shri Basavaraj Patil, MP and other Board Members advised CSB to send the proposal afresh to Ministry in consultation with Legal Experts.
8. With regard to the preparation of Vision Document for Sericulture, it was appraised to the Board that based on the recommendations made during the brainstorming workshop held at Bangalore on 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016, a vision document has been prepared for next 15 years i.e. 2030 covering short-term, medium-term and long-term action plans. The final document will be submitted to Ministry and circulated to States shortly.
9. The Board Members strongly recommended for reintroduction of CDP scheme to support critical activities like Grainage, Rearing House, CRC, Bivoltine incentives, flexi-fund, post-cocoon sector, etc. as sericulture need initial investment. The Board Members also highlighted merits of sericulture such as employment opportunities to tribal and other backward communities from rural areas, women empowerment, higher income from sericulture, mitigate global warming & climate change, etc. The Board recommended to treat sericulture on par with agriculture / horticulture and extend all facilities to sericulture in line with their counterparts in agriculture.
10. The Board suggested to include sericulture under NDRF for compensating crop loss due to extreme climate change like drought / flood etc., in line with agriculture. It was also suggested to include sericulture under Prime Minister Fasal Bhima Yojana (PMFBY).
11. The principal Secretary to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu suggested to give flexibility to States to utilise allocated Central Sector Scheme funds based on State priority as the field requirements of different states will be different. Member Secretary informed that such proposals for change in approved items of works have been considered in the past and any proposal for change will be considered in future also as per norms of CSB.

### **Item No.3: Consideration of certified Annual Accounts and Audit Report of the Board for 2015-16.**

A power-point presentation was made on the Annual Accounts of CSB for the year 2015-16. It was informed that CSB is following all the procedures as prescribed by Govt. of India and Accounts of CSB has been audited and certified by the Principal Director of Commercial Audit and Ex-officio Member, Audit Board, Hyderabad and submitted their Audit Report. After detailed deliberations, the Board has considered the Annual Accounts of CSB for the year 2015-16.

### **Item No.4: Consideration of the Revised Estimates 2016-17 and Budget Estimates 2017-18.**

A power-point presentation was made on RE-2016-17 and BE-2017-18. The Board took note of the following details:

[Rs. in crore]

#	Details	RE-2016-17 proposed	Actuals 2016-17	BE-2017-18 proposed
1	Non-Plan	412.26(*)	342.56 (**)	448.58
2	Plan (other than NE)	137.45	137.45	242.53
3	Plan (NE)	23.05	23.05	16.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Total Plan</b>	<b>160.50</b>	<b>160.50</b>	<b>258.53</b>
5	Of which CDP to States (TSP)	18.77	18.77	38.00
	<b>Grand Total (Plan &amp; Non-Plan)</b>	<b>572.76</b>	<b>503.00</b>	<b>707.11</b>

(\*) – Amount including 7<sup>th</sup> CPC expenditure.

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The Board suggested to increase the plan allocation during 2017-18 to provide more funds under Central Sector Scheme to support States. After detailed deliberations, the Board has considered RE-2016-17 and BE-2017-18.

### **Item No.5: Annual Report of Central Silk Board for the year 2015-16.**

Member Secretary, CSB made a brief presentation on the activities of CSB and implementation of Central Sector Schemes during 2015-16. The Board Members advised CSB to undertake third party evaluation on technology adoption in traditional and non-traditional states. It was suggested to develop more silkworm breeds to suit different agro climatic zone, coastal areas, hill areas, etc. The Board should develop R&D plan for each state based on the field requirement. The Board should also focus on post-cocoon research in the areas of boiler improvement, use of solar energy, pupa disposal, address health hazards, reduce drudgery, promote

women friendly technology to promote increased participation of women. etc. After detailed deliberations, the Board has considered the Annual Report of CSB for the year 2015-16.

**Item No.6: TDS on perquisite value u/r 3 of IT Rules claiming by ITO, Mysore – Affecting CSB Employees staying in Govt. Quarters – Appeal before IT Department.**

It was informed to the Board that based on the facts placed and argument made by CSB, the Commissioner of Income Tax (appeals), Mysuru had passed the order under section 251(1) read with section 154 of the Income Tax Act 1961 on 28-03-2016 that it would be appropriate to construe the status of CSRTI, Mysore as a Central Govt. Organisation for the purpose of valuation of perquisites and not as an autonomous body as stated by the ITO (TDS) Mysuru. As a result of this, tax on perquisite value for staying in staff quarters need not be recovered. The Board took note of the developments and suggested to take up the matter with the concerned authority to extend the similar benefits to other units of the Board.

**Item No.7: Enhancement / Revision of wages of TSFWs / SFWs of CSB who have not been extended the benefits of the Temporary Status Scheme of 1993.**

The proposal for enhancement / revision of wages to TSFWs / SFWs of CSB was discussed at length and the Board felt that the matter has to be re-examined in detail since this involves more financial implication. It was resolved that the Board should constitute a committee to study the similar schemes implemented in other organisations, the benefits available to similar workers in other Ministry's like Ministry of Agriculture, etc. where similar type of labours are employed. A comprehensive report may be prepared by CSB and placed before the next Board Meeting.

**Item No.8 : A report on Assured Carrier Progressive Scheme (ACP) case.**

The Board after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and judgement passed by various legal bodies and also huge financial liability in refunding / the amount to around 600 employees, suggested to refer the matter to Ministry along with detailed report from a legal expert and latest DoPT orders to examine the case for providing proper justice to the deserving employees.

**Item No.9 : Consideration of proposal for supply of Uniforms to the Farm Workers working in different field units of CSB.**

With regard to supply of uniforms to the farm workers working in different field units of CSB, it was resolved that CSB should examine the issue afresh by referring the rates provided to similar workers in other organisations like ICAR / CSIR, frequency of issuing uniforms, other guidelines for issuing uniforms along with washing allowances to the farm workers. Since this proposal involves considerable recurring expenditure, the Board suggested to submit detailed proposal by providing complete guidelines, with full justification / recommendation to the Ministry for consideration.

**Item No.10: Delegation of Financial Powers at various levels in CSB.**

Member Secretary informed that in compliance to the decision taken by the Board at its last meeting at Srinagar on 25.05.2016, the proposal has been referred to Ministry for approval. The Ministry vide letter dated 03.02.2017 has conveyed approval / concurrence of Internal finance Wing (IFW) of Ministry of Textiles for the delegation of financial powers. The Board accorded approval for the revised delegation of financial powers at various levels in Central Silk Board. Shri Basavaraj Patil, Member of Parliament and other Board Members informed that such revised delegation of financial powers should be shared with accountability and responsibilities at various levels.

**Item No.11: Revision of wages to skilled Contract Labour.**

The revision of wages to skilled contract labour in CSB has been discussed at length by the Board. It was apprised to the Board that the skilled workers of sericulture are different from that of agriculture workers. The skilled nature of work in the grainages like cutting of seed cocoons, sorting of male / female pupae, pairing & de-pairing of moths, washing of silkworm eggs, disinfection, deflossing etc., besides skilled activities in host plant cultivation, silkworm rearing, reeling and weaving sectors are very specific to sericulture and these type of activities will not come under agriculture/horticulture sector. The Board noted above facts and suggested CSB to refer the case to Ministry with full justification along with guidelines followed in agriculture sector and other similar organisations.

**Item No.12: Proposal to increase compassionate appointment quota in Central Silk Board for dependents of deceased CSB employees.**

The Board after detailed deliberations on the case stated that as per DOPT guidelines for compassionate appointment upto 5% of vacancies falling under direct recruitment quota upto Group-C posts may be continued. However, as a special case, the Committee suggested to clear the backlog of 80 applicants who are in the priority list at present, as on 01.01.2017 as one time exemption with the approval of Ministry, as there is no scope for offering appointment to all the applicants in the near future.

**Item No.13: Recruitment / staff functioning at Central Silk Board.**

It was apprised that CSB being one of the Scientific & Technology Organisations and its main focus is R&D work in the areas of Feed, Seed, Breed and Transfer of Technology. State and other related agencies do not have the requisite expertise and facilities in R&D, Training, Basic Seed Production & Multiplication and Quality Certification. It is proposed to enhance the Bivoltine silk production from the present level of 4,500 MT to 9,000 MT by 2020, which requires sufficient number of scientific and technically qualified manpower. Post Cocoon intervention is also most essential to produce import substitute international grade silk. Around 1085 employees are retiring in the next five years. Therefore, infusion of young scientists/technical personnel to shoulder the challenging responsibilities ahead is very much essential and crucial. The Board took note of the above and suggested to submit proposal on restructuring the activities of the Board including manpower requirement. Simultaneously action shall be taken to fill-up all vacant posts.

**Item No.14: Engagement of dependent family members of labourers who have expired during the service on humanitarian / compassionate grounds, so that long gap of labourers can be filled, thereby engagement of workers on contract basis could be reduced.**

The matter was deferred for submission of additional details. It was suggested to place a detailed proposal indicating the number of labours expired, number of compensatory appointments, financial implications with full justification and guidelines followed in different organisations before the Board at its next meeting.



**Item No.15: Any other subject with the permission of Chair.**

1. The Board suggested to identify other govt. construction agencies approved by Govt. of India for undertaking construction works of CSB in addition to CPWD
2. The Board recommended to extend full benefits of VII Pay Commission to the employees of Central Silk Board on par with other Central Govt. organisation. The Board stated that CSB is a developmental organisation fully depending on Grant-in-Aid of the Govt. of India. The mandated activities of CSB are R&D, Seed Organisation, Coordination and market development and quality certification which are purely development oriented activities and there is no scope for revenue generation. CSB is working for the economic / social up-liftment and development of rural poor including SC/ST and other weaker section of the society. CSB cannot charge for its services rendered to rural based poor Sericulturists.
3. The Members of the Board decided to give priority to sericulture graduates / post graduates while recruiting Scientific and Technical posts in CSB.
4. The Board Members advised CSB to follow transfer rule strictly so as to give justice to employees posted outside their native place.
5. The Board Member from Karnataka representing Reelers informed that there is shortage of good quality cocoons in Karnataka and the cocoon rates are quite high due to more demand. The small Reelers are finding it difficult to continue their venture. He requested the Govt. to provide required support to Reelers well in time to continue reeling enterprises and take developmental activities to increase production of quality cocoons within the state.
6. It was suggested to avoid circulation of additional Agenda items on the day of Board meeting, unless they are of emergency in nature.

**Item No.16: Fixation of date and venue for next meeting**

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Board at Guwahati in September 2017. However, the exact date and venue will be finalised by Member Secretary in consultation with Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

(K.M.Hanumantharayappa)  
Chairman

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**List of participants for the 133<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting held on 15.02.2017 at Bengaluru**

**1. Under Section 4(3)(a)**

1. Shri K.M.Hanumantharayappa, Chairman, CSB, Bengaluru.

**2. Under Section 4(3)(b)**

2. Shri Puneet Agarwal, IAS., Joint Secretary (Silk) & Vice-Chairman, CSB Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, "Udyog Bhavan", New Delhi.
3. Dr.H.Nagesh Prabhu, IFS., Member Secretary, CSB, Bengaluru

**3. Under Section 4(3)(c)**

4. Shri Basawaraja Patil, M.P (Rajya Sabha), New Delhi

**4. Under Section 4(3)(d)**

5. Shri Kariyappa, IFS, Commissioner for Sericulture Devpt. & Director of Sericulture, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru
6. Shri Mohamud Dastagira, Ramanagaram – 562 159
7. Shri K.Mudde Gowda (Ramesh), T.Narasipura Taluq, Mysuru District.
8. Shri P.Somanna, Nanjangud Taluq, Mysuru District

**5. Under Section 4(3)(e)**

9. Shri Harmander Singh, IAS., Principal Secretary to Govt. Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles & Khadi Dept.(G2), Govt of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

**6. Under Section 4(3)(f)**

10. Smt.Soma Bhattacharjee, IAS., Commissioner of Textiles, Govt.of West Bengal, Kolkatta.

**7. Under Section 4(3)(h)**

11. Shri Chiranjiv Choudhary, IFS., Commissioner of Sericulture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

**8. Under Section 4(3)(g)**

12. Director of Sericulture & Weaving, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow – Represented by Shri P.C.Chowdhury, Financial Controller and Spl. Secy.

**9. Under Section 4(3)(h)**

13. Shri Pramod Jain, IAS., Financial Commissioner, Agriculture Production Department, Govt of Jammu & Kashmir, Srinagar (J & K).

**10. Under Section 4(3)(i)**

14. Smt. Chithra Arumugam, IAS., Commissioner–cum–Secretary, Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts Department, Govt of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

**Board Secretariat:**

1. Dr. K.Mandal, Director (Tech), CSB
2. Dr. R.K.Mishra, Director, NSSO
3. Dr. Subash V Naik, Director, CSTRI
4. Shri R.Sathish Kumar, Director (Finance)
5. Shri K.K.Shetty, Joint Secretary (Tech)
6. Dr. R.S.Teotia, Scientist-D
7. Shri H.S.Phaniraj, Scientist-D, NSSO
8. Dr. P.Kumaresan, Scientist-D
9. Shri A.Manoharan, Joint Director (Finance)
10. Shri G.Ravichandran, Deputy Director (A&A)
11. Shri Mathew John, Assistant Executive Engineer
12. Shri Sampangi Ramaiah, Assistant Director (A&A)
13. Shri Narayan Bisarahalli, Assistant Director (A&A)

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