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Minutes of the Meeting (MOM)			
Organization	Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society (AIWTDS)		
Subject	Fourth Governing Body (GB) Meeting for Assam Inland Water Transport Project		
Date and Time	2 nd March, 2019 (4 PM)	Venue	Conference Hall of the Principal Secretary, Transport Dept., GOA
Members present	Annexure-I		
General Details	<p>The 4th General Body Meeting of the Project Guidance Council (PGC) was held under the Chairmanship of Sri Biswaranjan Samal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Transport Department on 4th March, 2019 in the Conference Hall of Principal Secretary, Transport Dept., Government of Assam.</p> <p>Sri. Rahul Ch. Das Dy SPD & ASPD (i/c), AIWTDS welcomed all members and presented a brief overview on the status of the World Bank funded AIWT Project being implemented by the Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society (AIWTDS).</p>		
Action Taken Report on Minutes of 3rd GB Meeting	The minutes and the Action Taken Report of the 3 rd Governing Body (GB) meeting held on 13 th Dec, 2018 were unanimously approved and adopted as presented.		

The Agenda was discussed threadbare and following decisions were taken:-

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1	Procurement of new vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB was apprised that an ICB tender for procurement of 20 (twenty) ferry vessels of 50 (fifty) pax with 25 (twenty five) motor vehicles and 100 (hundred) pax with 50 (fifty) motor vehicles has been issued for an estimated value of Rs, 60 (sixty) crores in consultation with IRS.
2	Fleet modernization and retrofitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GB was apprised that an "as is" assessment on 19 (nineteen) vessels on IWT has been carried out and bid documents are under preparation It was agreed to include vessels at Neamati, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Dhubri and Goalpara, of which 15(fifteen) would be steel and 4 (four) wooden.

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3	Disclosure of EMF/SMF and EIA/SIA Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The GB was apprised regarding the EMF/SMF and related EIA/SIA Reports of the AIWT Project. It was agreed that these reports would be made ready for public disclosure soon.
4	Night Navigation Aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The GB was was apprised that the revised ToR for Night Navigation Study works is under preparation by General Consultants in consultation with the World Bank teamThe GB suggested that an Assessment and Implementation report should be prepared to highlight the requirements of night navigation facilities in the designated areas
5	Equivalent Financial Powers to DSPD as of ASPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For administrative convenience, accordance of financial powers upto Rs 5 lakhs to Deputy State Project Director equivalent to the Additional SDP was proposed. It was decided that the matter shall be examined in the next GB meeting.

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6	Incentive Scheme for Country Boat Owners- "Jibondinga"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The incentivisation scheme for country boat operators: Jibondinga had been placed before the 4th PGC meeting held on 3rd December, 2018. PGC had suggested that the possibility of certification of boats under the scheme by IRS (Indian Register of Shipping) or any other recognised organization be examined and explored before placing the scheme for approval. Accordingly, IRS was approached and the latter agreed to certify wooden boats under the scheme. However discussion should continue with the IRS to bring down the cost of certification to the lowest level	AIWTDS

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		<p>possible.</p> <p>A detailed presentation was made by Advisor Transport, Sri Rabindra Nath Kalita, on the scheme in the Governing Body Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Governing Body accorded in-principle approval to the scheme and advised that the modalities and operative details of the scheme including Bank linkage be prepared after discussion with World Bank, Commercial Banks having rural branches, Insurance Companies, concerned Government departments, IRS and other stakeholders. The scheme should be placed before the Sanction Sub-Committee for sanction of the proposed expenditure. Governing Body also emphasized that a foolproof mechanism should be framed so that the target groups are incentivised and all intended beneficiaries can be brought under the scheme for ensuring safe and efficient river transport system in Assam.The project cost of Jibondinga is proposed at Rs 137 crore (Rupess One Hundred and Thirty Seven crore). This amount will form a part of the proposed World Bank assistance of USD 150 million (One Hundred and Fifty million).	
7	HR Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was agreed to hire an external consultant for updating the revised the HR policy.Further, the Chairman, GB advised that Industry's best benchmarking practices shall be carried out for making the policy more robustFor departmental liasioning and related works, it was approved that the position of	AIWTDS

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		Project Officer shall be filled up by engaging a suitable person preferably having experience of working in the Transport Department. The Chairman, Governing Body suggested that the personnel be selected by due process, including conducting of an interview.	
8	Revised Organogram	The revised organogram attached as Annexure A is approved. Further, GB advised that the vacant positions of the AIWTDS be filled on priority by following due procedures.	AIWTDS
9	Search & Rescue Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approval accorded for purchase of 3 (three). Shore station based Search, Rescue cum Surveillance Boats and 3(three). Man Over Board (MOB) / Rescue Boats by GB.The proposal to procure of 3 (three) Shore Station based Search ,Rescue cum Surveillance boats and 3 (three) Man Over Board (MoB)/ Rescue boats under "Search and Rescue" component of AIWT project at an estimated cost of Rs 6.3 crores was approved in principle. The society will initiate process of procurement as per rule.	AIWTDS
Miscellaneous			
10	Sanction Sub Committee, AIWTDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Sanction Sub Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chairman Governing Body. It was advised to ensure that all procedures required for sanction of the schemes of AIWT Projects are being adhered to.The proposal for Rs 137 crore (One Hundred and Thirty Seven crore) as an expenditure in the Incentivisation scheme (Jibondinga) should be put up before the	AIWTDS

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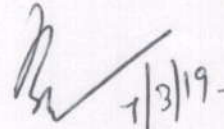
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		Sanction Sub Committee.	
11	Coordination with GSCL	It was advised that AIWTDS should coordinate with Guwahati Smart City Limited to provide cycling and running tracks on both North bank and South bank of river Brahmaputra at Guwahati along with river front development.	AIWTDS
12	Formation of companies APC & ASC	The GB suggested that AIWTDS should prepare a feasibility report to support their proposal for formation of the two companies "Assam Shipping Company" and "Assam Port Company", so that the same can be discussed with the Department of Public Enterprise for placing before the Public Investment Board.	AIWTDS
13	Regulatory Authority Rules	It was advised to expedite submission of the draft "Assam Inland Water Transport Regulatory Authority Rules" (AIWTRA Rules) to the Transport Department.	AIWTDS


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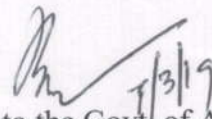
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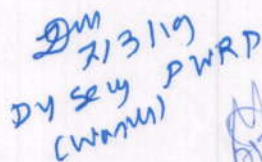
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3. All members of Governing Body (GB)

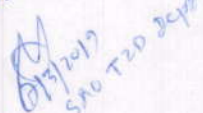

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