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**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PROJECT GUIDANCE COUNCIL HELD ON 15-10-2016 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF CHIEF SECRETARY, ASSAM**

The Chief Secretary of Assam and President of Project Guidance Council of AIWTD Society chaired the meeting. The list of other members / officials present in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure -I**.

The meeting started with a brief presentation on the status of IWT in Assam and the World Bank Project for reforms in IWT in Assam.

**Agenda 1 - Selection and notifying President and Secretary of the AIWTD Society.**

The Council approved the selection of the President / Secretary of the AIWTD Society, and accordingly the Chief Secretary, Assam and the Commissioner & Secretary, Transport Department to be notified as the President and Secretary of the AIWTD Society respectively.

**Action - Transport Department to issue notification.**

**Agenda 2 - Notification for constitution of Project Guidance Council (PGC)/ Governing Body (GB).**

The Council approved the constitution of Project Guidance Council /Governing Body as per MoA and also decided that the Project Guidance Council will meet once every three months and the Governing Body will meet every month.

**Action - Transport Department to issue notification.**

**Agenda 3 - Nomination of Non-Govt. Members of PGC/GB.**

The Council suggested to shortlist the names of experts in the field of river / water transport and suggest panel of names to the Chief Secretary / President of AIWTD Society for consideration.

**Action - Transport Department/ DIWT for necessary action.**

**Agenda 4 - Notifying Additional Project Director of the AIWTD Society -Roles & Responsibilities.**

The Council approved the notifying of Director, IWT as Additional Project Director of the AIWTD Society and approved his proposed roles and responsibilities as placed at Annexure -II.

**Action - Transport Department to issue necessary notification.**

**Agenda 5 - Structure of the Project Management Unit (PMU)**

The Council approved the structure of the Project Management Unit as proposed and placed at Annexure-III, subject to clearance by World Bank.

**Action - DIWT to obtain necessary clearance.**

**Agenda 6 - Office of the AIWTD Society.**

The Council suggested to house the office of the AIWTD Society either at the office of the Commissioner of Transport (Paribahan Bhawan, Khanapara) or at any other suitable location.

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Miscellaneous

The Council approved the following-

1. To undertake survey /identification and GIS mapping of all unserved areas, so as to ensure connectivity of every habitation in the state of Assam through inland waterways.
2. To undertake extensive survey on the present vessel making capacity available in the State and preparing an inventory of different types of vessels in Assam.
3. To undertake a census of vessels providing inland water transport facilities in the State.
4. Director, IWT to ensure registration of all vessels by developing a scientific system for the same. Registration numbers of the vessels to be displayed prominently on the body of every vessel.
5. Identification of locations for light houses for facilitating night services in the waterways.
6. Shipyards to be developed on the river banks in the line of industrial estates, by earmarking land for the same.
7. Listing and certification of vessel manufacturing units in the State.
8. Number of ghats along the river Brahmaputra and Barak with their tributaries, to be listed within 30 days by the respective Deputy Commissioners of the district.
9. Organise Inland Water Transport Service Providers Global Meet at Guwahati in the month of January, 2017 by involving Naval Architects / manufacturers of vessels and other relevant agencies related with river / water transport.

Action - Transport Department / DIWT / AIWTD Society.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks from the chair.

Sd/- V.K. Pipersenia, IAS  
Chief Secretary, Assam

Dated Dispur the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

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1. S.O. to Chief Secretary, Assam for information.
2. P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Transport Department, Dispur.
3. P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance & P&RD Department, Dispur.
4. P.S. to the Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Dispur.
5. P.S. to the Commissioner & Secretary, Transport Department, Dispur.
6. P.S. to the Secretary, Environment & Forest Department, Dispur.
7. P.S. to the Secretary, Planning & Development Department, Dispur.
8. P.S. to the Secretary, PW (Roads) Department, Dispur.
9. Director, IWT, Assam, Ulubari, Guwahati-7.

By order etc

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Transport Department.

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