

Minutes of the second Meeting of Project Guidance Council (PGC) held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at 12 PM at the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary

Members present: *Annexure 1*

The Project Guidance Council began with the Chief Secretary and Chairman, PGC welcoming all members and invitees. The World Bank team, represented by Sri Atul Agarwal and Mr Paul made a presentation on the proposed regulator for IWT sector, which was followed by a presentation by Commissioner & Secretary, Transport and SPD on the present status of AIWTDS and actions taken on last PGC meeting resolutions.

After a detailed discussion, the Council arrived at the following decisions:

- 1) An Assam Inland Waterways Regulatory Body shall be set up to regulate terminal operation, vessel operation, safety standards etc. Draft legislations should be immediately prepared. National Law University, Guwahati may be contacted for this purpose and their assistance may be taken.
- 2) The two Companies viz Assam River Port Development Company and Assam Waterways Vessel Company shall be registered and Memorandum of Associations of the same shall be framed. National Law University, Guwahati shall guide in framing of the MOAs for both the Companies.  
Action: Transport Department shall be the nodal Department for communication during the process.
- 3) A survey of unregistered vessels in both the organized and unorganized sectors must be conducted and the owners of such vessels must be incentivized to get registered.  
Action: Directorate of IWT shall conduct intensive awareness camps in this regard.
- 4) The process of Night Navigation in Assam needs to be strengthened. In this connection, these activities shall be taken up in certain locations like Majull and South Salmara for ease of operation of passenger vessels and cargo vessels at night time. This will be taken up as part of the World Bank funded Assam Inland Water Transport Project.  
Action: AIWTDS shall issue bid document and be the nodal point for the purpose of communication.
- 5) A total of three (3) Shipyards shall be built at Guwahati, Nematighat and Jogighopa.  
Action: Directorate of IWT shall communicate with the concerned DCs for earmarking of land for building of shipyards.
- 6) All the Ghats along the Brahmaputra and the Barak shall mandatorily come under the purview of Assam Inland Waterways Regulatory Body.  
Action: Directorate of IWT shall ensure the same.
- 7) The services of Mustaqur Rahman, OSD and Senior Procurement Specialist in ARIAS shall be partially placed in AIWTDS as Procurement Specialist since the right candidate in the said Post could not be found in the interview held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.  
Action: Transport Department shall issue Notification after obtaining concurrence from PWD.
- 8) The Chief Secretary will also function as the Chairman of the Governing Body of AIWTDS as the Post of senior most Secretary of Transport Department and SPD are being currently held by the same person.  
Action: Transport Department shall issue Notification.
- 9) The Posts of Project Officer, one Marine/IWT Specialist and one Transport Specialist shall be incorporated in the Organogram for smooth functioning of AIWTDS.  
The modified Organogram is attached as *Annexure 2*. It will also be sent to World Bank for further clearance.  
Action: AIWTDS shall send to World Bank for clearance.
- 10) The names of 6 persons have been suggested to be included in PGC and GB as non-official members. The Department is advised to ensure that

12) The scheme of running water taxis in Guwahati (2), Majuli (1), and South Salmara (1) should immediately start. These vessels will be taken on lease from SDRF. Simultaneously, a bid document will be floated to procure these water taxis.

Action: Directorate of IWT shall coordinate on the issue.

13) 10% of PPA (Rs 1.6 crores) has been sanctioned by Government of India (GoI). Also, demand for fund (sanctioned in the Budget 2017-18 for IWT sector) from Government of Assam shall be moved immediately for effective functioning of AIWTDS. This amount shall be later reimbursed by World Bank on preparation of IUFR.

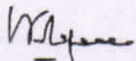
Action: Transport Department shall move Government of Assam for the fund. After receipt of the fund, AIWTDS shall prepare the IUFR to be sent to GoI.

14) A study visit may be undertaken to Germany and the Netherlands which as informed by World Bank team have a robust IWT system. World Bank agreed to include the visit as a part of project component.

15) The timeline for the various activities are enumerated in the following table:

Sl No	Activity	Timeline
1	A Presentation on restructuring and reorganizing of IWT	20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
2	General Consultant for AIWTDS	31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2017
3	Consultant for Night Navigation	31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2017
5	Consultant for Integrated Strategic Development Plan	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2017
6	Process of receipt of fund	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2017
7	Consultant for Integrated Strengthening and Business Plan	15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017
8	Tour of the Netherlands to observe the water taxis	October, 2017

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

  
(VK Pipersenia, IAS)  
Chief Secretary

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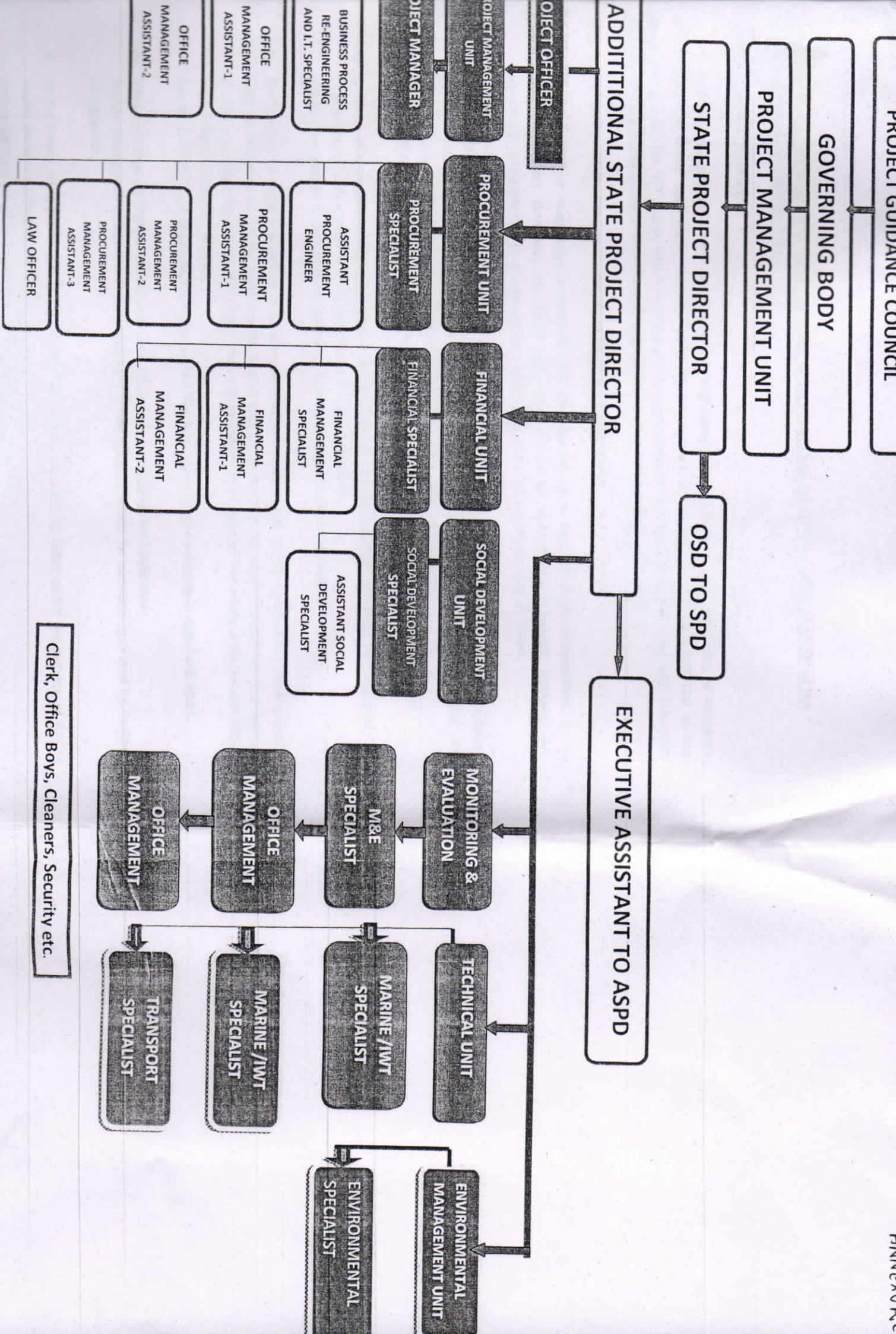
Dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

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- 1) Members present.
- 2) PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Environment & Forest and P&D for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary.
- 3) PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary.
- 4) PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Finance for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary.
- 5) PS to Additional Chief Secretary, PWD for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary.

Chief Secretary





Clerk, Office Boys, Cleaners, Security etc.