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Date: 08 July 2022

To,

Mr. Gyanesh Chhibber
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Dehradun
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Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005-reg.

Ref.: Your manual RTI Application No. -NIL-- dated 14 June 2022

Sir,

Please refer to your application cited above under RTI Act, 2005. In this context, this is to confirm that the additional fee Rs. 106/- via cash deposited by you at Finance Section, WII towards the cost of providing the certified photocopies of requested documents under RTI Act, 2005 has been received. The point-wise response to your queries is given below:

Information Sought under RTI	Reply
1. A copy of the Agenda Notes and approved Minutes of the 38 th Meeting of the Finance committees of WII held on 17 May, 2022	See the attached Annexure-1 and same contains 53 pages .

If you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(Rajiv Mehta)
CPIO



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Wildlife Institute of India

38th Meeting of Finance Committee

AGENDA NOTES

ATTESTED
[Signature]
CPIO, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun

17th May 2022
11:00 hrs.

Conference Room "Krishna" 4th Floor, Jal Bhawan
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate
Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi

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AGENDA ITEM No. 1

Confirmation of the Minutes of 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee

1.1 The 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 30th September 2021 at the Conference Room Krishna, 4th Floor, Jal Bhawan, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi. The minutes were circulated to the Members vide WII's letter No. WII/37th Finance Committee/2021 dated 8th October 2021 and is placed at **Annexure 1**. No comment has been received from the members.

The Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee may therefore be accepted and confirmed.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 2

Action Taken Report on the decisions of the previous meeting

Sl. No.	Agenda Item No. of 37 th Finance Committee Meeting	Action to be taken	Action taken
1.	Agenda Item No.3	Approval of GIA Annual Accounts for the year 2020-21	The Finance Committee approved the Annual Account, after auditor's report and decided to place the same in the WII Governing Body for approval. The same could not be placed as the Governing Body constitution is under consideration.
2.	Agenda item No. 4	Amendment of Corpus Fund Enrichment Rules	The rules formed for the enrichment of corpus fund are being implemented.
3.	Agenda Item No. 5	Discussion on Actuarial Report & transfer of Rs. 15.00 Crores from Corpus Fund to Pension Fund	As directed a proposal has been submitted to MoEF&CC for one time grant of the entire pension deficit of 94.17 crores as assessed by Actuarial analysis.
4.	Agenda Item No. 6	Approval to seek 2 years (FY 2022-23 to FY 2023-24) NCE for CAMPA C2C budget	The extension of C2C has been discussed in Executive Committee of CAMPA and is currently under review.
5.	Agenda Item No. 7	Status of General Provident Fund/Pension Fund/ Corpus Fund & approval for transfer of fund to Pension Fund	The pension fund and GPF investment Committee has been constituted as per directions of Finance Committee. However, the Committee has yet to meet and discuss modalities of better investment of these funds.
6.	Agenda Item No. 8	Any other matter with permission of the chair	No action to be taken.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 3

Request for Approval of Additional Budget for the year 2022-23

- 1) The current allocations to WII for the Financial Year 2022-23 are as under:

Plan Salaries- 19.00 Crore

Plan General- 3.75 Crore

Capital – 0.25 Crore

Total: 23 Crore

Past five-year allocations in GIA to WII are placed in **Annexure 2**. Since 2019-20, onwards there has been about ~30% less allocations in GIA to WII. This has resulted in deficits and curtailment of important Institutional activities that are required to achieve the full mandate of the Wildlife Institute of India.

2. Plan Salaries the expenses under the current 19 crore allocations are inclusive of the following:

- (i) Committed Salary & other exp. such as Medical re-imbursement,
- (ii) NPS contribution, Children education allowance, Leave encashment, LTC
- (iii) Leave salary & Pension Contribution of deputation faculty (for existing employees) etc.

Last year expenses under Plan Salaries head was Rs. 20.00 crore and was met with through a temporary loan. Therefore, the existing allocation of Rs. 19.00 crore for current FY 2022-23 are insufficient.

WII plans to fill the existing vacant permanent faculty (6), faculty on deputation (13) and vacant staff positions (46 positions) in the current year, **therefore, WII needs an additional - Rs. 6 Crore (Annexure 3)**

Approval of Finance Committee is solicited.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 4

FILLING UP THE VACANT DEPUTATION POSTS

The deputation faculty position vacancy is currently 13 and after advertising and filling up with IFS officials we request that if positions are not filled, we may utilise State Forest Service officials, Professional Fellows, Senior Professional Fellows, Scientist Emeritus, and Research Associates to address the void in faculty needs at WII. Approval for engagement of Professional and Senior Professional fellows was provided vide 66th GB meeting dated 14.12.2017 (Agenda No.9; **Annexure 4**).

Approval of Finance Committee is solicited.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 5

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF FUNDS FOR PLAN GENERAL

Plan General amount of Rs. 3.75 crores (current allocation) will cover only Outsourced staff wages and contractual staff salary, for the current financial year 2022-23 (expenditure of past year under Plan General was Rs. 3.71 crore (**Annexure 5**). Finance Committee may consider permission to book salary of contractual employees that are currently partially addressing the work of vacant permanent employees under Salary Head.

Expenses listed below were covered under Grant-in-Aid, but currently there is no amount available for Travel Expenses of Faculty, Administrative expenses such as Estate maintenance, Stationary, routine day-to-day items, Telephone bills, minor repair of equipment, vehicles and POL, Electricity and Water, AMCs of expensive equipment and insurance of vehicles. There is no money to support basic/applied research, laboratory maintenance, and functioning of specialised cells like EIA, IT/RS/GIS, Wildlife Forensic and Wildlife Health; Library, TRAC/GB meetings, Annual Research Seminar and civil maintenance, for this Institute needs **Rs. 3.5 crores**. (**Annexure 5**).

Approval of Finance Committee is solicited.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 6

REQUIREMENT OF FUNDS FOR M.Sc. PROGRAMMES

- 6.1 There are two M.Sc. Programmes conducted at WII (1) M.Sc. in Wildlife Science and (2) M.Sc. in Heritage Conservation; M.Sc. Programmes costs were partially supported through Grant-in-Aid Fellowships. Now that new academic affiliation MoU with AcSIR has been signed, an annual grant of Rs. 1 crore is required to recommence both M.Sc. Programmes at WII. – **Rs. 1 crore Annexure-6(i) & 6(ii)**
- 6.2 Approval of Finance Committee is therefore being solicited. These courses need to be advertised ASAP, National Examination and Selection of Candidates to be done and courses then to be commenced for the Academic year 2022.
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

REQUIREMENT OF FUNDS FOR DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE COURSES

The Diploma in Wildlife Management for IFS and SFS officers and Certificate Course in Wildlife Management for Range forest officers is currently run on funds charged as fees to the States (@ Rs. 11 & 4 lakhs per officer trainee respectively for each course). Request is made to MoEF&CC to sponsor 6 officers for Diploma and 8 officers for Certificate course from the North East and Economically Deficient States. An annual grant of **Rs. 1 crore** is required for these sponsored officers for the Diploma and Certificate Courses.

Approval of Finance Committee and allocation is therefore being solicited.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

REIMBURSEMENT OF OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT

So as to meet compulsory financial obligations, and deficit in allocation in GIA, the Institute had to take loan from different projects from time to time. Total of 3.00 crore loan for the -**current FY 2022-23** is as mentioned below:

- (i) **Loan of Rs. 20 lakh** for salary of contractual staff for March & April, 2022 from CAMPA C2C & UNESCO
- (ii) **Loan of Rs. 20 lakh** for Misc. Payments such as Electricity, telephone & water charges etc. for April, 2022 from Dolphin Range Project
- (iii) **Loan of Rs. 1.3 Crore for salary of permanent staff for March, 2022 from Corpus Fund**
- (iv) **Loan of Rs. 1.3 Crore for salary of permanent staff for April, 2022 from CAMPA C2C**
- (v) We have also previous outstanding loan of Rs. 25 lakhs for Plan-General head. Out of which **Rs. 20 lakh was loaned from MEE Project in Jan. 2022 and Rs. 5 lakh was loaned from UNESCO Project in March 2022**

As per Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun held on 25th March 2021 (**Annexure 7**), a loan of Rs. 2.91 crore was required for disbursing salary. As per approval of 25th FC on 21/03/2013 the Director, WII has been authorised to withdraw funds from the Corpus Fund of the Institute in the form of temporary loan, for meeting out the emergency expenditure. A temporary loan so withdrawn will be replenished immediately on receipt of funds of Grant-in-Aid by the Institute. On this basis a **one-time loan of Rs. 2.91 crore from Corpus Fund was approved to meet out the huge shortage in Salary budget for FY 2020-21.**

Gratuity for an amount of **Rs. 3.1 crore (approx.) (Annexure 8)** had to be paid from Pension Fund during April-2020 to March -2022 due to deficit under the salary component received from Grant-in-Aid.

Thus a loan amount of 6.25 Crore for the past financial year 2021-22 needs to be reimbursed.

Approval of Finance Committee is solicited

Summary of Agenda items 3 to 8: Additional Requirement of Funds to WII for current FY 2022-23

S. No.	Particulars	Amount (In crores)	Budget Head
1	Salary Component	6.00	Plan Salaries
2	Funds required for Forensic, Research Lab & Genetics Laboratories	3.50	Plan General
3	EIA Cell, IT/GIS/RS, Herbarium,		
4	Basic Research, TRAC, GB, & ARS		
5	Library		
6	Funds required for Administrative and office expenses	1.00	
7	M.Sc. Course in Wildlife Science (20 seats) M.Sc. course Heritage Conservation & management (20 seats)		
8	10 Months Post Graduate Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management & 3 months certificate course in Wild life management	1.00	
Loans to be repaid			
9	Earlier outstanding loan of Plan general Head for last FY 2021-22	0.25	
10	Loan to be recouped of Corpus Fund taken for Salary requirement in FY 2020-21	2.90	
11	Gratuity amount to be refund to Pension Fund for the period April 2020 to March 2022	3.10	
	Total Crore Additional Requirement	17.75	

The 17.75 Crore additional request, results in the total GIA allocation of Rs. 40.75 Crore to WII for the FY 2022-23. Considering a cost escalation of 10% per annum, and a base requirement as allocations of 2019-2020 (Rs. 31.5 Crore **Annexure 2**, before substantial budget cuts), WII would have been allocated Rs. 41.91 Crore in the current financial year. Thus, the request is very reasonable and an essential requirement for the normal functioning of WII.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

TRANSFER OF RS. 28.88 CRORE FROM THE GENERAL CORPUS FUND TO THE PENSION CORPUS FUND

As per minutes of 65th GB (agenda no.12; (**Annexure 9**), GB decided to transfer whole amt. of Rs.19.03 crore (available at that time in the General Corpus) from Corpus Fund to Pension Fund with recommendation to MoEF&CC to provide additional fund for pension responsibilities. It was also decided that after meeting pensionary requirements, additional revenue generated shall be put in General Corpus Fund. Accordingly, Rs. 19 Crore were transferred to the Pension Corpus from the General Corpus. Further in 37th Finance Committee Meeting held on 29th Sep. 2021 (Agenda 5), it was decided to carry out an Actuarial analysis of the pensionary requirements and this amount may then be requested from the Government as a lump sum funding of pension liabilities. This Actuarial analysis has now been done and the pensionary liabilities of the employees retired as on 31.03.2020 and serving employees appointed before 01.01.2004 had been calculated by Actuarial is Rs. 94.17 crores. This Actuarial analysis has been communicated to MoEF&CC through File No. WII/Fin./2021-22/44 in Oct & Dec.2021.

Permission is sought from the Finance Committee that while the MoEF&CC seeks permission and explores ways to provide a lump sum grant to WII for meeting the pension Liabilities, an amount of 28.88 Crore from the general corpus may be transferred to the Pension Corpus. An amount of 5 crores may be retained in the General Corpus to meet any emergent funding shortage. Finance Committee may consider approval for transfer of any amount accumulated in the General Corpus beyond 5 crores to the Pension Corpus to meet the pension liability as per the directions & spirit of the 65th GB (Agenda No.12; **Annexure 9**)

Approval of Finance Committee is solicited

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AGENDA ITEM No. 10

Any other matter with permission of Chair

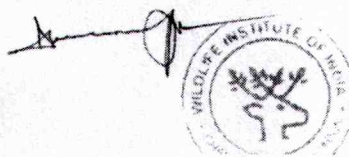
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Annexure-1

Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun held on 30th September 2021

The 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Wildlife Institute of India was held on 30th September 2021, at Krishna Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan. The participants are as below:

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| 1. | Shri Subhash Chandra
Director-General of Forests and Special Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110003 | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Praveen Garg
Special Secretary and Financial Advisor,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110003 | - | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Y.V. Jhala,
Dean, FWS
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Member |
| 4. | Shri Soumitra Dasgupta,
Additional DG (WL)
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110003 | - | Special Invitee |
| 5. | Dr. Monali Sen,
Registrar/Head of Office
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Special Invitee |
| 6. | Dr. Gautam Talukdar,
Faculty Incharge, WII C2C
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Special Invitee |
| 7. | Shri Jerome Minz
Director (FF), IFD
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
New Delhi - 110003 | - | Special Invitee |



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8. Dr. Dhananjai Mohan
Director,
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun

- Member-
Secretary

At the outset, Member-Secretary welcomed the Chairman and all the members with a brief round of introductions. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up with the permission of the Chairman. The decisions taken are as below.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee:

Member-Secretary informed the committee that the Minutes of 36th Meeting of the WII-Finance Committee held in 26th March 2021 was circulated well on time and no comments have been received. The committee confirmed the Minutes.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report on the decision of the previous meeting:

The actions taken were discussed in details, and none of the members raised any objection. SS&FA instructed to complete the IAO deputation procedure within October 2021. In case no suitable candidate get selected then retired accounts officer from sister organizations to be hired against the vacant IAO post.

The Action Taken Report was approved and confirmed by the committee.

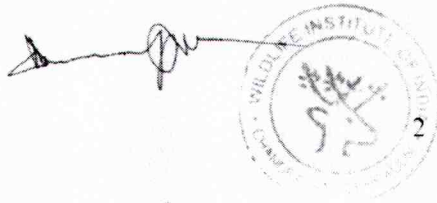
Agenda 3: Approval of GIA Annual Accounts for the year 2020-21:

The Grant in Aid Annual Accounts for the year 2020-21 was placed in the meeting. The Finance Committee perused the Annual Account, after auditor's report, it will be placed for approval of Governing Body of the Institute.

Agenda 4: Amendment of Corpus Fund Enrichment Rules:

Member-Secretary briefed the members about the Rules for enriching Corpus Fund (issued in 2012). Presently (after 9 years) various financial norms has been changed by Ministry of Finance as well as various new practices has been initiated by WII Governing Body. The ammendments were proposed accordingly in the Rules as the previous rules are in contravention to present norms & practices.

After detailed deliberation over the justifications, the Finance Committee endorsed the Amendment of Rules for enriching Corpus Fund.



Agenda 5: Discussion on Actuarial Report & transfer of Rs. 15.00 Crores from Corpus Fund to Pension Fund

Member Secretary briefed the committee about the Actuarial report. The pension obligation calculated by Actuarial amounts to Rs. 94.17 crores. Detailed discussion were held on the huge pension liabilities of the Institute and also the present as well as anticipated requirement of availing future loan from Corpus Fund.

A lumpsum amount of Rs. 15.00 Crore is therefore recommended for transfer from Corpus fund to Pension Fund.

The Finance Committee disagreed to transfer Rs. 15.00 crore from Corpus Fund to Pension Fund. It was stated that Corpus Fund is meant for Institutional emergency requirement & not for sole usage of pension liability.

SS&FA instructed to prepare a proposal in line to Actuarial analysis & submit it on file to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure for lumpsum funding of pension liabilities.

Agenda 6: Approval to seek 2 years (FY 2022-23 to FY 2023-24) NCE for CAMPA C2C budget:

Member Secretary informed that the Institute's about the present fund position of the Centre. MoEF&CC under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management Authority (CAMPA) gave a core grant of Rs. 18.66 crores for operationalizing the WII-C2C for a 6-year period from 2013-14 to 2018-19, though actual substantial expenditure was initiated in 2015-16.

The present 3 years 'no-cost' extension coming to an end on 31.03.2021, where 1.5 years functioning was hampered due to Covid Pandemic.

The requested to grant approval to the proposed no-cost extension for WII-C2C for the period 2022-23 to 2023-24 was made thereby, to effectively utilize the balance amount for continuing implementation of committed activities of the Centre.

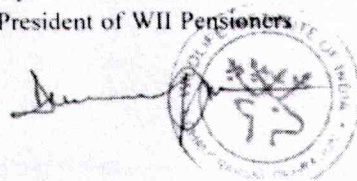
The Finance Committee approved the same.

Agenda 7: Status of General Provident Fund/Pension Fund/ Corpus Fund & approval for transfer of fund to Pension Fund

Members noted the information provided on the status on Pension Fund and General Provident Fund at WII as on 30.06.2021.

Member Secretary appraised the committee regarding first meeting held by the Investment Committee, involving external members from LIC, Union Bank & Sister Organization. The committee is presently exploring better investment options. The final recommendation of the committee will be submitted before next Finance Committee meeting.

The Finance Committee noted the same & instructed to constitute 2 different committees chaired by Director WII to take decision on the General Provident Fund & Pension Fund respectively. Both the committees will have members nominated by Director WII, within the Institute. Additionally the committee for Pension fund will have President of WII Pensioners



Welfare Association as member & the committee for GPF fund will have President of WII Employee Welfare Association as member.

Both the committees headed by the Director was authorized to take decision & finalize the investment.

The final decision will be placed before next Finance Committee meeting for cognizance.

Agenda 8: Any other matter with permission of the chair

The member secretary briefed about the time to time delay of getting the GIA salary budget sanction &/or release, which leads to difficulty of disbursing salary on time.

The Finance Committee thereby authorized the Director to take Salary loan as & when necessary from the corpus fund, with condition of immediate return on receipt of grant & settlement within the concerned Financial Year.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



Dr. Dhananjai Mohan
Member Secretary and Director WII



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Annexure-2**Details of Grant in Aid of Wildlife Institute of India during last 5 years**

Financial Year	Salaries	General	Capital	Grant for Forensic Cell	Total Grant Received
Amount in lakhs					
2017-18	2145.00	985.00	170.00	97.00	3397.00
2018-19	2500.00	600.00	200.00	0.00	3300.00
2019-20	2640.17	323.00	186.00	0.00	3149.17
2020-21	1800.00	340.00	60.00	0.00	2200.00
2021-22	2000.00	500.00	50.00	0.00	2550.00
2022-23	1900.00	375.00	25.00	0.00	2300.00

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Annexure-3

Requirement of Funds to fill the existing vacant positions							
Designation	No. of Vacancy	Salary p.m.	Total Salary	Medical	LTC & Leave Encashment	Leave Salary & Pension Contribution	CEA
Permanent Scientist C	4	107728	5170944				
Permanent Scientist D	2	124000	2976000				
IFS (SC C)	13	107728	16805568				
STO-2	1	107728	1292736				
Tech Officer	1	73072	876864				
Tech Asstt.	1	58632	703584				
Tech Asstt. AV	1	58632	703584				
Tech Asstt. Library	1	58632	703584				
Technician	4	35072	1683456				
Lab Attendant	1	29772	357264				
Deputy Reg	1	124600	1495200				
Asstt Director (OL)	1	90096	1081152				
Section Officer	2	77176	1852224				
Asstt I	2	49208	1180992				
Asstt II	5	43584	2615040				
Asstt III	7	35072	2946048				
Steno	6	49208	3542976				
Driver	8	32660	3135360				
Cook	4	32660	1567680	7000000	5000000	1600000	3510000
Total	65		42543312	7000000	5000000	1600000	3510000

Grand Total 59653312

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Annexure-4

Minutes of the 66th Meeting of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII)- Governing Body held on 14th December, 2017 at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi

The 66th Meeting of the WII-Governing Body was held on 14th December, 2017 at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri C.K. Mishra, Secretary (E,F&CC), Government of India. The following were present:

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| 1. | Shri Siddhanta Das
Director General of Forests &
Special Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj
New Delhi - 110 003 | Vice Chairman |
| 2. | Shri M.S. Negi
Additional Director General of Forest (WL)
& Director, Wildlife Preservation,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj
New Delhi - 110 003 | Member |
| 3. | Shri S.S. Bist
Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Government of West Bengal,
Bisht Bhawan,
Lane C-12, Turner Road,
Dehradun | Member |
| 4. | Shri Uday Singh Wala
CEO,
WL Epic Media P Ltd.
Bungalow 82,
Aram Nagar Part 2,
Andheri West,
Mumbai - 400 061 | Member |
| 5. | Shri Vijay Mehta
Chairman,
Mefcom Group,
5th Floor, 77, Nehru Place,
Sanchi Building,
New Delhi-110019 | Member |
| 6. | Shri T.K. Joshi
Conservationist,
B- 22, New Krishna Park,
New Delhi - 110 018 | Member |

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| 7. | Shri Himanshu Malhotra
Wildlife Film Maker
Multi Media
C-50 Defence Colony
New Delhi - 110024 | Member |
| 8. | Shri Damodar Shama, IAS (Retd.)
Former Secretary (Forests), Government of Rajasthan,
House No. 65, Scheme No. 08,
Aditya Vihar, Gandhipath,
Vaishali Nagar,
Jaipur - 302 021, Rajasthan | Member |
| 9. | Ms. Anuradha Mitra
Financial Advisor & Additional Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj
New Delhi - 110 003 | Member |
| 10. | Shri N.K. Vasu
Chief Wildlife Warden
Govt. of Assam
Basistha Forest Complex
Guwahati-781029 | Member |
| 11. | Shri Bharat Jyoti
Chief Wildlife Warden
Govt. of Bihar
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Vishweshariya Bhawan Campus,
Beli Road,
Patna -800015 | Member |
| 12. | Dr. S.S. Gairola
Director General,
Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education,
P.O. New Forest,
Dehra Dun - 248 006 | Member |
| 13. | Shri P.R. Sinha
Chairman, WII- TRAC
Country Representative,
India Country Office
IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)
C-4/25, Safdarjang Development Area,
Hauz Khaz,
New Delhi-110016 | Special Invitee |
| 14. | Shri Soumitra Dasgupta
Inspector General of Forests (WL)
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj
New Delhi - 110 003 | Permanent Invitee |

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| 15. | Dr. Debabrata Swain
Member Secretary
National Tiger Conservation Authority
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Paryavaran Bhavan,
CGO Complex,
New Delhi- 110 003 | Permanent Invitee |
| 16. | Shri Noyal Thomas
Director (Project Elephant)
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
Jor Bagh Road, Ali Ganj
New Delhi - 110 003 | Permanent Invitee |
| 17. | Dr. V.B. Mathur
Director,
Wildlife Institute of India,
Chandrabani,
Dehradun | Member-Secretary |

At the outset Dr. V.B. Mathur, Director, WII welcomed the Chairman and members and specially the new non-official members who were attending the meeting for the first time after the reconstitution of WII-Society and Governing Body. Shri C.K. Mishra, Secretary (E,F & CC), Government of India & Chairman, WII-Governing Body welcomed the members. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 65th Meeting of the Governing Body:

The minutes of the 65th meeting of the Governing Body circulated vide Institute's letter No. A/1-3/65th/GB/WII dated 14th June, 2017 were confirmed by the Governing Body.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the previous meeting:

The information provided was noted by the Members.

Agenda Item No.3: Draft Annual Report of WII for the Year 2016-17:

Member-Secretary made a presentation on the highlights of the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2016-17 and informed about the C&AG audit observations. Members appreciated the range of activities being undertaken by the Institute in the field of wildlife research, conservation, management and training. After deliberations, the Governing

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Body recommended the adoption of Annual Report of the Institute along with the audited accounts for the year 2016-17 by the WII-Society.

Agenda Item No.4: Revised Budget Estimates for the year 2017-18 and Budget Estimates for the year 2018-19:

The Governing Body noted the Budget Estimates as communicated by the MoEFCC under Plan (Salary): Rs. 2145 lakhs and Plan (General): Rs. 500 lakhs for the Financial Year 2017-18. The Governing Body also took note of external funding (national and international) received by the Institute in 2017-18 and the anticipated receipts in 2018-19. After deliberations, the Revised Budget Estimate for the Financial year 2017-18 and Budget Estimate for the Financial Year 2018-19 [Plan (Salary) Rs. 2500 lakhs, Plan (General) Rs. 1300 lakhs and Plan (Capital) Rs. 200 lakhs] as per details provided in Annexure 4.1 of the Agenda Notes and endorsed by the Finance Committee were approved by the Governing Body.

The Governing Body approved the proposal for procurement of two unserviceable buses under "replacement category" and the revised item of activities under the Capital Head.

Agenda Item No. 5: Position of General Provident Fund/Pension Corpus Fund:

Members noted the information provided on the status on General Provident Fund/Corpus Fund at WII as on 31.10.2017.

Agenda Item No.6: Technical and Financial Progress Report under CAMPA Projects:

Member-Secretary made a presentation on the highlights of the activities being undertaken under CAMPA funded Endangered Species Recovery Programme in respect of 4 wild species viz. Great Indian Bustard, Gangetic Dolphin, Dugong and Manipur Deer. Members appreciated the range of conservation activities being undertaken and endorsed the need to build infrastructure for the Conservation Breeding Centres and procurement of specialized equipments/vehicles (customized boats for Dugong conservation).

An update on the activities of the CAMPA funded UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) on 'World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region' was

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provided by the Member Secretary. Members appreciated the activities being undertaken by UNESCO C2C at WII.

After deliberations, and as endorsed by the Finance Committee, the Governing Body approved the proposal for release of Rs. 14.29/Rs. 19.33 crores from the CAMPA funds in 2017-2018 and Rs. 33.4 crores in 2018-19 for the Endangered Species Recovery Programme and the UNESCO C2C at WII.

Agenda Item No.7: Implementation of 7th Central Pay Commission (7th CPC) recommendations:

Member-Secretary provided an update on issues relating to complete implementation of the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission w.e.f. 1.1.2016. MoEFCC had approved payment of only 70% of additional financial impact for implementation of 7th CPC recommendations in the Institute. Remaining 30% additional impact will be borne by the Institute from its own resources and income generated through various training programmes and collaborative projects. The Governing Body noted that the Institute has already borne the 30% additional financial impact for payment of arrears as recommended by the 7th CPC. Member Secretary informed that the Institute was not in a position to meet the additional liability on a recurring basis. After deliberations, it was decided by the Governing Body that a note may be submitted to the Ministry on this issue.

Agenda Item No.8: Review of Recruitment Rules of Group-A Scientific Posts, Technical & Support Staff and Administrative posts:

Member-Secretary informed the Governing Body that three categories of employees viz. Scientific, Technical and Administrative were working in the Institute for whom the Recruitment Rules (RRs) on the lines of CSIR were revised in 2005-2006. Since then a number of amendments/revisions had been made by the CSIR and there was a need to revise/review the WII RRs in the three categories. After deliberations, the Governing Body agreed to the proposal and constituted the following Committee to recommend amendments/revisions in the RRs as may be required:

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| (i) | Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife) | - | Chairman |
| (ii) | Representative of IFD, MoEFCC | - | Member |
| (iii) | Shri Vijay Mehta, Member, WII-GB | - | Member |
| (iv) | Director, WII | - | Member Secretary |

Agenda Item No.9: Professional Fellows Scheme at Wildlife Institute of India:

Member Secretary gave a detailed background of the proposed Professional Fellows Scheme at WII aimed to attract Scientists, Natural Resource Managers, Wildlife Professionals to impart knowledge and skills relevant to meet the Institute's mandate and activities. Members welcomed the proposal and after deliberations, the Governing Body approved the proposal as contained in the Agenda Notes with the observations that there should not be any seniority/hierarchy and the engagement of total number of Professional Fellows should be on a functional need basis in the context of the Institute's mandate. The expenditure for implementation of the Professional Fellows Scheme would be met under Grant-in-aid (Salaries) budget head.

Agenda Item No.10: Proposal for conferring the status of Institute of National Importance (INI) to the Wildlife Institute of India:

Member Secretary explained the Government of India process of conferring the status of "Institute of National Importance (INI)" to premier higher education institutions in the country by an Act of Parliament. After deliberations, the Governing Body granted "in principle" approval for preparation of a proposal by the Institute for processing by the MoEFCC.

Agenda Item No.11: Regularization Scheme for Contractual Engages of Wildlife Institute of India:

Member-Secretary provided an update on the engagement of technical and administrative staff on a contractual basis in WII for supporting its activities. He said that some of the contractual employees had been working in the Institute for many years and 13 such employees have approached the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand for their absorption in the Institute. The Hon'ble High Court while disposing their Writ Petitions has directed that the MoEFCC may consider formulating an absorption scheme. After deliberations, it was decided by the Governing Body that age relaxations as per Government of India Rules may be given to the contractual employees of WII as and when any regular vacancy occurs. Further, a proposal to this effect may be sent to the Ministry for examination.

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Agenda Item No.12: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

Shri T.K. Joshi suggested that the Institute may take up a study on the impacts of air pollution on wild animals. Shri Damodar Sharma suggested the Institute may take up a study on vulture conservation in Rajasthan. Shri Himanshu Malhotra suggested that Institute may facilitate the visit of the members to various protected areas in the country especially where Institute's research/collaborative projects were under implementation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chairman and Members of the Governing Body.

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Last Year Expenditure under Plan General

Wages of Outsourced Staff			Salary of Contractual Staff	
S. No.	Paid on Month	Amount (Rs.)	Month	Amount (Rs.)
1	Apr-21	1737647	Apr-21	910383
2	May-21	0	May-21	910383
3	Jun-21	1682637	Jun-21	910383
4	Jul-21	3876394	Jul-21	910383
5	Aug-21	387629	Aug-21	910383
6	Sep-21	2289911	Sep-21	910383
7	Oct-21	1911769	Oct-21	910383
8	Nov-21	3839166	Nov-21	910383
9	Dec-21	2772784	Dec-21	910383
10	Jan-22	414310	Jan-22	910383
11	Feb-22	2494626	Feb-22	910383
12	Mar-22	4795553	Mar-22	910383
Total		26202426		10924596

Grand Total 37127022

Additional Fund Requirements during FY 2022-23

S. No.	Particulars	Amount
		(In crores)
1	Funds required for Forensic, Research Lab & Genetic Lab, AMC, Library, EIA Cell (Research associate & travel expenses), IT/GIS/RS.	1.25
2	Basic Research Projects/ARS/TRAC/GB	1.25
3	Funds required for Administrative and office expenses such as Estate management, Vehicles, Electricity/Water, telephone	1.00
Total		3.50

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Annexure-6(i)

Budget requirement for M.Sc. Wildlife Science for 2 years duration (20 Students)

	Budget heads	Expected Expenditure (AcSIR)	From MoEFCC
1	Tuition Fees & Other mandatory charges (@100000 per student)	2240000	896000
2	Stipend for 20 students (@3000 pm)	2400000	960000
3	Field Dissertation @75000/- per student	2500000	1000000
4	Field gear/equipments	1200000	1200000
5	Library, computer & Lab.	500000	500000
6	Guest Lecture/Video Conferencing	500000	500000
7	Sports	100000	100000
8	Stationery/General Items	500000	500000
9	Honorarium/Working Lunch	250000	250000
10	Saurashtra University Meeting/TA/DA/Meals	250000	250000
11	Contingencies/Miscellaneous	200000	200000
12	Orientation Tour	200000	200000
13	Techniques Tour	800000	800000
14	High altitude tour	500000	500000
15	Wetland tour	500000	500000
16	National Park Tour	800000	800000
17	Conservation Practice & Management Tour	800000	800000
	Total	14240000	9956000

8 students received full fellowship from MoEFCC, while for the remaining students the course is subsidised.

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Annexure-6(ii)**Budget requirement for M.Sc. HCM for 2 years duration (20 Students)**

	Budget heads	Expected Expenditure (AcSIR)	From MoEFCC
1	Tuition Fees & Other mandatory charges (@100000 per student)	2240000	896000
2	Stipend for 20 students (@3000 pm)	2400000	960000
3	Field Dissertation @75000/- per student	2500000	1000000
4	Field gear/ equipments	1200000	1200000
5	Library, computer & Lab.	500000	500000
6	Guest Lecture/Video Conferencing	500000	500000
7	Sports	100000	100000
8	Stationery/General Items	500000	500000
9	Honorarium/Working Lunch	250000	250000
10	Saurashtra University Meeting/TA/DA/Meals	250000	250000
11	Contingencies/Miscellaneous	200000	200000
12	Orientation Tour	200000	200000
13	Heritage Site Tour (i)	800000	800000
	Heritage Site Tour (ii)	500000	500000
	Heritage Site Tour (iii)	500000	500000
	Heritage Site Tour (iv)	800000	800000
	Heritage Site Tour (v)	800000	800000
	Total	14240000	9956000

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Annexure-7

Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun held on 25th March 2021

The 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Wildlife Institute of India was held on 25th March 2021, at Krishna Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan. The participants are as below:

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| 1. | Dr. Sanjay Kumar,
Director-General of Forests and Special Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 003 | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Praveen Garg
Special Secretary and Financial Advisor,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 003 | - | Member |
| 3. | Shri H.S. Pabla,
Former PCCF, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and
Chairman, TRAC, WII
Bhopal. | - | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Y.V. Jhala,
Dean, FWS
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Member |
| 5. | Shri Soumitra Dasgupta,
Additional DG (WL)
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 003 | - | Special Invitee |
| 6. | Dr. Monali Sen,
Registrar/Head of Office
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Special Invitee |
| 7. | Dr. Gautam Talukdar,
Faculty Incharge, WII C2C
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Special Invitee |

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Govt. of India, New Delhi

Director, WII

8. Dr. Dhananjai Mohan
Director,
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun
- Member-Secretary

At the outset, Member-Secretary welcomed the Chairman and all the members with a brief round of introductions. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up with the permission of the Chairman. The decisions taken are as below.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 35th Meeting of the Finance Committee:

Member-Secretary informed the committee that the Minutes of 35th Meeting of the WII-Finance Committee held in April 2020 was circulated well on time and no comments have been received. The committee confirmed the Minutes.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report on the decision of the previous meeting:

The actions taken were discussed in details, and none of the members raised any objection. SS&FA indicated that the last IAO report was of FY 2017-18 which is still unsettled. The Institute should settle IAO report 2017-18 and also complete Internal Audit of from FY 2018-19 to FY 2020-21 for submission before next Finance Committee. The Action Taken Report was approved and confirmed by the committee.

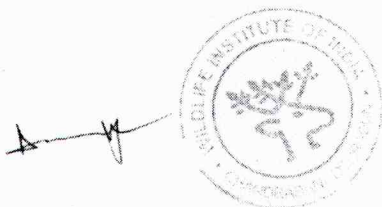
Agenda 3: Approval of Budget Estimate for the year 2021-22:

The Finance Committee noted the Grant in Aid budget condition of FY 2020-21 is as below:

S. No.	Head	BE (in crores)	RE (in crores)
1	Salary	28.00	18.00
2	General	5.00	3.40
3	Capital	1.00	0.60
Total		34.00	22.00

The Finance Committee noted the Budget Estimates of the Institute for the year 2021-22 as communicated by the MoEFCC via email dated 07.01.2021 is Rs. 25.50 ^{lakhs} and head wise allocation are as under:

- (i) Plan (Salary) - Rs.1800 lakhs
- (ii) Plan (Capital) - Rs.50 lakhs



(iii) General

- Rs. 700 lakhs

Member-Secretary informed that there has been a bulk 35% cut in budget of FY 2020-21, the main reduction as indicated above is under Salary head. The same reductions stand in BE of FY 2021-22 as well. The Finance Committee was appraised that it is stated that it will be very difficult to meet the expenditure within the reduced allocated amount of Rs. 25.50 crore for the financial year 2021-22 and particularly to meet out the requirements of the Institute (Plan General). Regular training programmes, research projects and meeting the routine expenditure in terms of Campus Development/ Maintenance/ Electricity/ Telephone/ Internet connectivity charges and other miscellaneous charges are the major liabilities to be met out now. Considering this some major changes are being proposed in the general head breakup.

The Finance Committee was requested to kindly deliberate on the stated grave financial crisis, as it would be very difficult to carry out the activities of the Institute. The MoEFCC may be requested to allocate additional budget of at least 100 lakhs under Plan General and at least 200 lakhs under Salary head for the Financial Year 2021-22.

Shri HS Pabla raised concern over the grave financial crisis and its impact on training on research of the Institute, as atleast in next two Financial Year no support from Grant in Aid can be obtained for these activities.

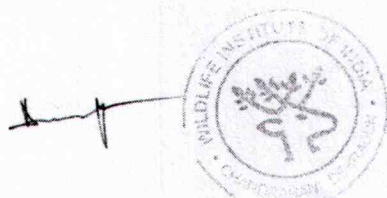
After deliberation, the Finance Committee approved the proposed head wise breakups and endorsed the requirement of additional grants for the Institute for approval of Governing Body of the Institute.

Agenda 4: Approval of Budget Estimates for the year 2021-22, of UNESCO Category 2 Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun:

Member-Secretary briefed the members that owing to the COVID situation and its implications, implementation of few activities for FY 2020-21 could not be carried out in time. The budget breakup for FY 2021-22 have been revised accordingly, including carrying them over to the next year as well.

Member-Secretary thereby recommended the deferment of following activities of Budget of FY 2020-21:

- i. The Certificate Course in Heritage Management, including national and international participants, is proposed for deferment to 2021-22 owing to travel restrictions for international candidates.
- ii. The Master's Course in Heritage Conservation and Management will complete its first two-year course during 2019-21. It is proposed for deferment of the next course by one-year to assess its need and viability.



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iii. The UNESCO Chair on Natural Heritage Conservation is proposed for deferment owing to financial liability as well as overlap with WII-C2C activities. Necessary communication has been done with the Indian National Commission for UNESCO (Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India) and with UNESCO Sector for Education.

DG Forest suggested that WII-C2C should explore possible synergies between periodic reporting of cultural and natural heritages of the country along with possible scope of joint tourism activities. He also mentioned that National Mission for Sustainable Habitat can be referred to see scope of modification in Heritage Conservation activities.

Both DG Forest and ADG WL commented that WII should explore possibilities of getting into MoU/ agreement with other National and International Institutions to expand the scope of Heritage Conservation and other activities.

After deliberation, the Finance Committee endorsed the Budget Estimate breakup of Rs. 354.53 lakhs to be funded under National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC).

Agenda 5: Approval for availing loan from Corpus Fund to meet shortage in Salary requirement of FY 2020-21

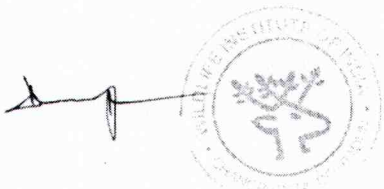
Members noted that 35% salary budget shortage of FY 2020-21. The status of actual deficiency and requirement under Salary head for FY 2020-21 was further noted as below:

S. No.	Particulars	Amt. in crores
1	Salary expenditure till 31.03.2020	20.91
2	Less: RE budget	18.00
3	Additional requirement over grant release (Sr. No. 1-2)	2.91

Member Secretary briefed the committee that the amount of Rs. 2.91 crore is the actual additional requirement for disbursing salary. He then updated the members about the precedence being set by 25th FC on 21/03/2013 in agenda 5, whereby it was approved that the Director, WII is authorised to withdraw funds from the Corpus Fund of the Institute in the form of temporary loan, for meeting out the expenditure for salaries etc. in April and May. This loan is needed as every year 1st instalment of Grant-in-aid is received in May/June. The temporary loan so withdrawn will be replenished immediately on receipt of funds of Grant-in-Aid Institute receives.

With the precedence stated above, approval for a one time loan of Rs. 2.91 crore from Corpus Fund was solicited to meet out the huge shortage in Salary budget for FY 2021-22.

After deliberation, the Finance Committee approved the one time temporary loan of Rs. 2.91 crore from Corpus Fund to Salary head.



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Agenda 6: Status of General Provident Fund/Pension Corpus Fund & approval for transfer of fund to Pension Fund

Members noted the information provided on the status on Pension Fund and General Provident Fund at WII as on 15.03.2021.

Member-Secretary updated the members that the pensionary liabilities of the employees retired as on date and serving employees appointed before 01.01.2004 are being worked out through actuarian and also an Investment Committee has been constituted by the Institute, involving external members from MoEFCC, LIC, Union Bank & Sister Organizations.

ADG WL nominated DIG WL as ministry representative for the Investment Committee.

Member Secretary appraised the committee that the Institute has a huge annual pension liability. Considering the emergency situation of present as well as anticipated requirement of availing future loan from Corpus Fund, a lumpsum amount of Rs. 15.00 Crore therefore was recommended for transfer from Corpus fund to Pension Fund, to secure the pension funding of the employees.

SS&FA suggested that the Institute should finalize the acturian report first before utilizing the Corpus Fund for any specified activity.

The Finance Committee thereby deferred the proposal of one time Rs. 15.00 Crore loan transfer from Corpus fund to Pension Fund.

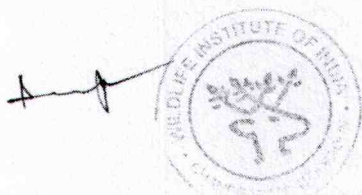
Agenda 7: Review of Internal Audit made in Financial Year 2017-18

Member Secretary informed that the Institute's Accounts are audited by the following:-

- (i) Office of Principal Director of Audit, Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG)
- (ii) Principal Accounts Office (PAO) of the MoEFCC

The required compliances on the audit observations made by the C&AG and PAO of the MoEFCC are being made regularly. With regard to the audit for the year 2017-18 made by the Institute's Internal Audit Officer, the concerned officers are being asked to provide clarifications and compliances and based on which final report will be placed before the upcoming Governing Body meeting.

SS&FA indicated that the last IAO report was of FY 2017-18 which is still unsettled. The Institute should settle IAO report 2017-18 and also complete Internal Audit of from FY 2018-19 to FY 2020-21 for submission before next Finance Committee.



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Agenda 8: Approval of rules for levying Institutional Charges

Member Secretary appraised the committee that the Institute has started levying 15% Institutional charges from sponsoring agency from 2013, based on C&AG Audit observation in FY 2010-11. The institutional charges thus received are being deposited to Corpus fund along with other funds.

Till date there has been no clearly framed Institutional rules for levying Institutional charges & it's allocation. Therefore an Institutional Committee was constituted who has deliberated on the matter and accordingly approval of the committee is being solicited on the recommendations as following:

(a) Decision of fixing a dedicated percentage as institutional charges to be levied from projects:

Different percentage was decided for different categories of projects, as detailed below:

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| (i) | EIA /Developmental Project | - | 20 % |
| (ii) | International Funding agencies | - | 10 to 15% |
| (iii) | State Forest Departments | - | 10 to 15 % |
| (iv) | Other Ministries | - | 10 to 15% |

(However, DWII will have the discretionary power to reassign the percentage on case to case basis).


(b) Decision on whether the charge will be deposited in corpus fund in bulk or in Installments basis: Institutional charges will be debited from installments received from funding agency, proportionate basis in the same ratio.

Shri HS Pabla indicated that the range of 10-15% should be specified, therefore it was decided by the committee that projects below Rs. 1.00 crore fund will be charged 15% and project above Rs. 1.00 crore will be charged 10%. He also suggested that the Institute should consider activities for fund raising as there will be heavy financial crunch in at least next 2 financial years.

DG Forest advised to refer norms of IIMs & IITs for levying institutional charges as well.

After deliberation, the Finance Committee approved the recommendations, the same will be institutionalized as "Rules for Management of Institutional Charges".

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


25/03/21
Dr. Dhananjai Mohan
Member Secretary and Director WII



Annexure-8**Details of loan taken for payment of gratuity during April 20 to March 22**

S.N.	Name of Pensioner	Gratuity Amount (Rs.)
1	Sh. Hari Singh	770649
2	Dr. P.K. Malik	2000000
3	Dr. S.A. Hussain	2000000
4	Smt. T.K. Ahuja	1655214
5	Sh. N.C. Kandpal	1063920
6	Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma	1391280
7	Sh. P.L. Saklani	1475166
8	Gratuity contribution of contract staff	950121
9	Sh. Vinod Kumar Thakur	84810
10	Sh. Balkrishan Sharma	28248
11	Sh. A.S. Rawat	82844
12	Sh. B.S. Aswal	1385274
13	Sh. Krishan Kumar Ram	808064
14	Sh. Kripal Singh	931392
15	Sh. A.K. Dubey	2000000
16	Smt. Rajkumari w/o late Dil Bahadur	1681152
17	Smt. Leela Devi w/o late Trilok Singh	1862784
18	Sh. Tikka Singh	958848
19	Smt. Pratapi Devi w/o late Rai Singh Negi	1862784
20	Sh. Mangal Bahadur	958848
21	Sh. DC Balodi	958848
22	Sh. Rajesh Thapa	2000000
23	Sh. Khushi Ram	981321
24	Sh. P.K. Aggarwal	2000000
25	Sh. Shyam Lal	895450
Total		30787017

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**Minutes of the 65th Meeting of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII)-
Governing Body held on 6th June, 2017 at
Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun**

The 65th Meeting of the WII-Governing Body was held on 6th June, 2017 at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun under the chairmanship of Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, Secretary (E,F&CC), Government of India. The following were present:

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| 1. | Shri Siddhanta Das,
Director General of Forests &
Special Secretary to Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi-110003 | Member |
| 2. | Dr. S.C. Gairola,
Director General,
ICFRE, New Forest, Dehradun | --do-- |
| 3. | Shri P.R. Sinha
Chairman, WII-TRAC
B-88, Neeti Bagh
New Delhi | --do-- |
| 4. | Shri Arvind Singh Hyanki,
Secretary (Forest)
Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
(Representative of Chief Secretary,
Government of Uttarakhand) | --do-- |
| 5. | Shri D.V.S. Khatri,
Chief Wildlife Warden,
Uttarakhand | --do-- |
| 6. | Shri R.K. Sinha
Chief Wildlife Warden,
West Bengal | --do-- |
| 7. | Dr. G.S. Rawat
Dean, WII | --do-- |
| 8. | Dr. Vaibhav Mathur
AIG, NTCA
(Representative of MS, NTCA) | Special Invitee |
| 9. | Dr. Y.V. Jhala
Scientist-G, WII | --do-- |
| 10. | Shri Ajay Srivastava
Registrar, WII | --do-- |

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| 11. | Dr. Ram Boojh
National Programme Officer,
Ecological Sciences
UNESCO, New Delhi Office | Special Invitee |
| 12. | Dr. V.B. Mathur
Director, WII | Member-Secretary |

At the outset Dr. V.B. Mathur, Director, WII welcomed the Chairman and members to the meeting. Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, Secretary (E, F & CC), Government of India & Chairman, WII-Governing Body welcomed the members. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 64th Meeting of the Governing Body:

Member-Secretary informed that the minutes of the 64th meeting of the Governing Body were circulated vide Institute's letter No. A/1-3/64th/GB/WII dated 25th April, 2015. No comments had been received. The Minutes were therefore confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the previous meeting:

Members noted the information provided in Agenda Notes and deliberated on the issue of inadequate number of applications from IFS Officers for Institute's faculty positions on deputation. DGF & SS said that this could possibly be due to low recruitment of IFS officers in certain years and the situation would likely improve after some years. After the deliberations, it was agreed that the Institute may also invite applications from suitable State Forest Service Officers having Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management, for which necessary amendment in the Recruitment Rules of the Institute will also be done.

Agenda Item No.3: Annual Work Programme for the year 2017-18:

Member-Secretary presented the details of the actions proposed in the Annual Work Programme (2017-18) of the Institute and of the UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) on "*Natural World Heritage Management and Training for the Asia Pacific Region*" at Wildlife Institute of India. He informed that the Annual Work Programme (2017-18) had been endorsed by WII-TRAC and the WII-Finance Committee in their meetings held on 20th March 2017 and 2 June 2017, respectively. Members appreciated the range of activities being undertaken by the Institute and the UNESCO C2C at WII.

The Governing Body approved the Annual Work Programme (2017-18) of the Institute (**Annexure-I**) and of the UNESCO Category 2 (**Annexure-II**) Centre at WII (with the budget requirement of Rs. 450.79 lakhs, which would be met from the allocation of funds amounting to Rs. 18.66 crores and already made by the National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC) in its meeting held on 24.11.2014).

Agenda Item No.4: Budget Estimates for the year 2017-2018:

The Governing Body noted the Budget Estimates as communicated by the MoEFCC under Plan (Salary): Rs. 2145 lakhs and Plan (General): Rs. 500 lakhs. The Governing Body also took note of external funding (national and international) received by the Institute in 2015-16 and the anticipated receipts in 2017-18. The proposed appropriation of the Budget Estimates as per details provided in Annexure 4.1 of the Agenda Notes and endorsed by the Finance Committee were approved by the Governing Body.

Member-Secretary said that allocation under Grant-in-Aid Plan (General) of Rs. 500 lakhs only was grossly inadequate and that no allocation had been made under the Capital Head. He requested for additional allocation under the Revised Estimates (2017-18). DGF & SS re-iterated the significance of conducting basic and long term research in wildlife science and suggested that Institute should submit a note on '*Research priority in the emerging scenario*' for seeking funding for research projects using CAMPA funds available with MoEFCC. Secretary (E,F&CC) & WII-GB Chairman said that Institute should also seek research funding under NATCOM and from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to augment its resources. After deliberations, the Governing Body approved the Revised Estimates (2017-18) Plan (General): Rs. 1067 lakhs, Capital Rs. 170 lakhs and Plan (Salary): Rs. 2145 lakhs totaling Rs. 3382 lakhs.

Agenda Item No. 5: Draft Annual Reports of WII for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16:

Member-Secretary made a presentation on the highlights of the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 and informed about the C&AG audit observations. Members appreciated the range of activities being undertaken by the Institute. After deliberations, the Governing Body recommended the adoption of Annual Report of the Institute along with the audited accounts for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 by the WII-Society.

Agenda Item No.6: Draft Annual Reports of UNESCO Category 2 Centre at WII for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17:

Member-Secretary made a presentation on the highlights of the activities carried out by the UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) on "*Natural World Heritage Management and Training for the Asia Pacific Region*" at Wildlife Institute of India in the year 2015-16 and 2016-17. Members appreciated the wide range of activities being carried out by the newly established C2C and adopted the Annual Report for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 along with the audited accounts.

**Agenda Item No.7: Position of General Provident Fund/General Provident Fund/
General Corpus Fund:**

The information provided was noted. Members appreciated the efforts being made by the Institute for additional resource mobilization leading to growth in General Corpus Fund amounting to Rs. 17,56,19,801.00 as on 31.03.2017. Member-Secretary said that Institute was levying institutional charges on various projects from outside agencies including NTCA and CZA. On a specific clarification sought by the representative of NTCA regarding institutional charges to be paid to WII, it was decided that for collaborative projects upto Rs. 1 crore a sum of 15% and for project above this amount, a sum of 10% would be payable as institutional charges.

Agenda Item No.8: Endorsement of the Recommendations of the Institute's WII-Building Committee:

Member-Secretary informed that the Institute has a Building Committee chaired by the Director General, ICFRE to look after the matters relating to planning of the new construction and repair/ renovation/ upgradation of the existing ones. Member-Secretary placed the recommendations of the Building Committee meeting held on 2 June, 2017, which were also endorsed by the WII-Finance Committee in its meeting held on 2 June, 2017. The Governing Body approved the recommendations of the WII-Building Committee. Secretary (E,F&CC) & Chairman WII-GB said he would also take up building construction/ repair/renovation/ upgradation matters with the Chief Engineer, CCU, MoEFCC in order to expedite these works on a priority basis in 2017-18.

**Agenda Item No.9: Hon'ble High Court Uttarakhand Judgment and Compliance
on Regularization of Services of CDLs:**

Member-Secretary provided a detailed background of the matter pertaining to regularization of the services of 18 Casual Daily Labour (CDLs) engaged by the Institute during 1985-93 and the judgement passed by the Hon'ble High Court Uttarakhand on 2nd August, 2003 and 22 July, 2011 asking the Institute to frame a scheme of regularization of petitioners in a phased manner. He said that in compliance to the Hon'ble High Court decision, Institute had framed a scheme of regularization on the lines of DoPT scheme and all the CDLs were granted Temporary Status. He informed that so far Institute could regularize the services of only 6 CDLs depending upon the available vacancy in Group-D category and therefore there is a proposal for creating 12 posts of Attendants in Administration Services of the Institute with the provision that these posts will lapse on retirement of these CDLs. Representative of Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand said that Institute had already complied with the decisions of Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand by framing and implementing a scheme of regularization of 18 CDLs and any deviation from this scheme would set up precedents for other organizations/ agencies. Some members felt that it was basically a humanitarian issue and after deliberations, it was decided to refer this matter to MoEFCC for consideration under the extant guidelines of DoPT/Gol.

Agenda Item No.10: Upgradation to the post of Hindi Translator:

Member-Secretary provided a detailed update on the status of position of Hindi Translator in the Institute and the provisions contained in Government of India OM No.13035/3/95-O.L. (PC) dated 22.7.2004 and the recommendation made by the MoEFCC Committee vide its letter No.11014/07/2016-Raj-Bha (Office) dated 23.01.2017 according to which the Institute should have one post of Assistant Director (OL) in the Pay Band (Rs. 15,600-39,100) with Grade Pay of Rs. 5,400 in order to deal with matters pertaining to Hindi Language in the Institute. It was clarified that the present incumbent holding the position of Hindi Translator was in the Grade Pay of Rs. 4800/- and not Rs. 4200/- as indicated in the Agenda Notes.

After deliberations, the Governing Body approved the upgradation of existing position of Hindi Translator from the Pay scale of Rs. 9300-34800 (Grade Pay Rs. 4800) to the payscale of Rs.15600-39100 in Pay Band 3 with Grade Pay of Rs. 5400 and designating it as Assistant Director (Rajbhasha).

Agenda Item No.11: Implementation of 7th Central Pay Commission (7th CPC) recommendations:

Member-Secretary provided an update on issues relating to complete implementation of the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission w.e.f. 1.1.2016. He said that as per the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum F.No. 1/1/2016-E (A) dated 13th January, 2017 and MoEFCC letter No. JD(WL)/2017-WL dated 22.05.2017 MoEFCC has approved payment of only 70% of additional financial impact for implementation of 7th CPC recommendations in the Institute. Remaining 30% additional impact will be borne by the Institute from the amount accumulated solely out of its own income generated through various training programmes and collaborative projects with national and international agencies. Member-Secretary said that it would be very difficult for the Institute to meet the remaining 30% financial liability in order to provide completely the benefits of 7th CPC recommendations to its employees as all the revenue earned by the Institute goes to its Corpus Fund to meet the pensionary liabilities of its employees. He reiterated that MoEFCC should consider Institute's request of meeting 100% additional financial impact as has been done in case of similarly placed another MoEFCC autonomous body viz. ICFRE to whom 100% additional funding support has been approved for complete implementation of the 7th CPC recommendations. Governing Body members felt that WII was engaged in undertaking several nationally important activities of conservation significance, which did not permit raising substantial funds. After deliberations, the Governing Body recommended to the MoEFCC to provide the remaining 30% additional funds for complete implementation of 7th CPC recommendation w.e.f. 1.1.2016, for which the Institute would submit a note with detailed justification.

Agenda Item No.12: Pension matter and sustainability of Pension Fund of WII:

Member-Secretary provided a detailed update on the pension matters and sustainability of Pension Funds at the Institute. He said that WII was established as a subordinate office of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India in 1982 and was converted into an autonomous body in 1986 based on a Union Cabinet decision. At the time of its conversion 32 employees were part of the subordinate office whose services were transferred *enmass* to autonomous WII and they got absorbed/confirmed subsequently. It was decided at the time of the said conversion that all assets and liabilities will stand transferred to the Wildlife Institute of India, an autonomous institution of the MoEF w.e.f. 1.4.1986. In addition to this, 9 employees who were earlier serving in pensionary establishments were recruited by WII and they got absorbed in the Institute following a due process of absorption. Thus there are 32+9=41 employees who were part of pensionable service in their parent departments and pension was being paid to these employees by the Institute after their superannuation.

Member-Secretary informed that 101 employees in different categories had been recruited by the Institute from 1.4.1986 and before 1.1.2004. In the 24th meeting of the Governing Body held on 15.5.1994 it was decided that the Institute will follow the 'Pension cum GPF Scheme' analogous to that of Central Civil Service for its employees and accordingly Pension Corpus Fund was created. He informed that Institute was paying pensionary benefits to its 41 superannuated employees including 8 family pensioners. He said that the Institute had to manage a corpus fund to pay pensionary benefits to 101 employees recruited between 1.4.1986 (date of creation of WII autonomous institute) and 1.1.2004 (date of initiation of New Pension Scheme) for which the Institute had recently got done an 'actuarial analyses' done to assess the pensionary liability.

He said that as on 31st May, 2017 the Institute had the following financial resources built solely out of its own income generated through various training programmes and collaborative projects with national and international agencies as institutional charges, savings and miscellaneous receipts:

A. Pension Corpus Fund:	Rs. 8,44,37,910.00
B. General Corpus Fund:	Rs. 19,03,48,519.00
Total:	Rs. 27,47,86,492.00

He said that in order to ensure sustainability of payment of pension to its employees there is a need to transfer from the amount presently in General Corpus Fund (Rs. 19,03,48,519.00) to the Pension Corpus Fund. Further to ensure sustainability of the Pension Corpus Fund and based on the 'actuarial analyses', a sum of Rs. 2 crores per year will have to be earned by the Institute and added to the Pension Corpus Fund from 2017 to 2040.

After detailed deliberations, the Governing Body decided to:

1. Allow transfer of amount accrued in General Corpus Fund (presently Rs. 19,03,48,519.00) to Pension Corpus Fund (presently Rs. 8,44,37,910.00) to make the total Rs. 27,47,86,492.00 for meeting the pensionary liabilities of Institute's employees.
2. Recommend to the MoEFCC to provide additional funds to meet the pensionary responsibilities in respect of 41 employees/pensioners who were transferred *enmass* to the WII autonomous body at the time of its conversion from subordinate government office including 9 employees/pensioners who were earlier serving in pensionable establishments and got absorbed in WII with due approval/process. The Institute would submit a proposal on this to the MoEFCC for consideration and approval.
3. To ensure sustainability of the General Pension Fund the Institute would continue to raise additional resources out of savings/resources generated from institutional charges through its various capacity building training and research programmes/ collaborative projects with external funding agencies and from miscellaneous receipts etc.
4. After meeting the pensionary requirements, additional revenue generated shall be put in the General Corpus Fund.

Agenda Item No.13: Provision of Maternity Benefits to the Women Research Personnel/ Contractual Employees of WII:

Member Secretary provided an update on the rules and regulations governing the Research Personnel/ Contractual Employees of the Institute in Scientific, Technical and Administrative categories after their approval by the Governing Body in its 63rd meeting held on 28.11.2014. He said that in the said rules and regulations there was no provision for providing maternity benefits to women research personnel/ contractual employees. He said that the Government of India has recently enacted the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 and the maternity leave has been increased from 12 to 26 weeks for working women with less than two surviving children. The Governing Body agreed to adopt the provisions of maternity benefits for all women employees of the Institute as per the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act 2017. Dean, WII informed that there were 2 cases of women employees who had undergone maternity prior to the adoption of the maternity benefits provision by the Governing Body as it was meeting after 8.4.2015. The Governing Body agreed to regulate the maternity benefits in their cases as per the extant rules in DoPT Office Memorandum No. 13018/2/2008-Estt(L) dated 11.09.2008.

Agenda Item No.14: Modifications in the Designation of Technical and Support Staff:

Member Secretary informed that the Institute's Recruitment and Assessment Promotion Rules for Technical and Support Staff had been framed on the lines of CSIR and are in force. The CSIR vide its letter No. 5-1(88)2010-PD dated 21.7.2010 had modified the designations of Technical and Support Staff. Member Secretary requested for adoption of these designations for the Institute's Technical and Support Staff. After deliberations, Governing Body agreed to the proposal subject to payment of no additional monetary benefits to the employees after re-designation of their posts on the lines of CSIR.

Agenda Item No.15: Establishment of India Regional Chapter of International Association for Landscape Ecology (India IALE):

Member Secretary informed about the mandate and activities of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE), which was established in 1980 for advancing planning and management of landscapes through international cooperation by undertaking scholarly, educational and communication activities. He said that in order to further promote science and management of landscape ecology in India it is proposed to establish a regional chapter named India-IALE with WII as its registered office. After deliberation, the Governing Body agreed to the proposal and approved the draft Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations of India-IALE.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.15: Establishing Partnerships for Capacity Building for Effective Natural Resource Conservation:

Member Secretary provided an update on the mandate and activities of the Institute for building capacity through training, research and advisory services to Government of India and State Forest Departments. He said that there is growing realization that capacity building efforts to effectively address the conservation challenges, particularly at the State level, need to be further strengthened. Capacity to manage landscapes outside the traditional forest boundaries and the protected area network need to be developed in order to address the challenges emanating from human-wildlife conflicts and infrastructure development in the larger landscape. He said India has formulated 12 Natural Biodiversity Targets and is also committed to achieve 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Effective capacity to achieve these targets and goals in a time bound manner has to be systematically built at various levels of governance.

He added that there is an urgent need now to reach out to frontline staff and other stakeholders in terms of capacity building programmes. This of course cannot be done by WII functioning at Dehradun alone and there is a need to reach out at a pan-India level. Opening/ operationalizing 'Regional Centres' could be a possible solution. He said that a 'paradigm change' in capacity building approach was needed. WII has its strengths in terms of its competent faculty as well as expertise in the use of modern tools and technology in wildlife management. Many States have already established training centres in different parts of the country. However, the focus of these training centres is primarily on Forest Management. He said that it would not be prudent for WII to create 'brick and mortar' Regional Centres with meagre resources and the best way, therefore was to manage this change will be through convergence of the existing strengths of the States/ Regional Institutions (hardware/ infrastructure) and WII (software skills).

He informed that in a recently held meeting with the Chief Wildlife Wardens of States/ UTs under the chairmanship of DGF&SS, the proposal of the Institute to set up partnerships with States and Institutes has received strong endorsement.

Members suggested that Institute should embark on 'Green Skill' development strategy exploring various innovative options. The Governing Body approved the proposal and agreed that additional funds required for its implementation would be considered by the MoEFCC.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chairman and Members of the Governing Body.

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DRAFT**Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun held on 17th May, 2022**

The 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Wildlife Institute of India was held on 17th May, 2022, at Krishna Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan. A list of participants is as below:

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| 1. | Shri ChandraPrakash Goyal
Director-General of Forests and Special Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110003 | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. Y.V. Jhala,
Dean, FWS
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Ruchi Badola,
Registrar/Head of Office
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Special Invitee |
| 6. | Dr. A. K. Pateshwari
Director Forest Finance, IFD
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi – 110003 | - | Representative
of JS & FA
Member |
| 7. | Dr. S. P. Yadav
Director,
Wildlife Institute of India
Dehradun | - | Member Secretary |

At the outset, Member-Secretary welcomed the Chairman and all the members with a brief round of introductions. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up with the permission of the Chairman. The decisions taken are as below.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee:

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Member-Secretary informed the committee that the Minutes of 37th Meeting of the WII-Finance Committee held in 30th Sep. 2021 was circulated well on time and no comments have been received.

The committee confirmed the Minutes.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report on the decision of the previous meeting:

The actions taken were discussed. Director General asked Member Secretary to expedite the meeting of the Investment committee and start reinvesting as per their recommendation. Director WII informed that C2C no-cost extension was approved and orders were likely to be issued shortly.

The Action Taken Report was approved and confirmed by the committee.

Agenda 3: Request for Approval of Additional Budget for the year 2022-23:

As WII plans to fill the existing vacant permanent faculty (6), faculty on deputation (13) and vacant staff positions (46 positions) in the current year and requested for an additional amount of Rs. 6 Crore.

The Finance Committee approved the same and instructed DWII to fill in the vacancies exigently.

Agenda 4: Filling up the Vacant Deputation Posts:

The deputation faculty position vacancy is currently 13 and after advertising and filling up with IFS officials WII requested that if positions are not filled, we may utilise State Forest Service officials, Professional Fellows, Senior Professional Fellows, Scientist Emeritus, and Research Associates to address the void in faculty needs at WII.

After detailed deliberation over the justifications, the Finance Committee approved the same. After the additional faculty positions are filled and manpower available, the Chairman suggested that WII should develop curricula and conduct thematic capsule courses for international audience to have a global impact and generate resources for WII.

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Agenda 5: Additional Requirement of Funds for Plan General

Plan General amount of Rs. 3.75 crores (current allocation) of WII cover only Outsourced staff wages and contractual staff salary for the current financial year 2022-23. Approval of Finance Committee to book salary of contractual employee that are currently partially addressing the work of vacant permanent employees under Salary Head was solicited

Further different expenses listed under Grant-in-Aid, but there is no amount available for them such as for Travel Expenses, Estate maintenance, Stationary, Telephone bills, vehicles and POL, Electricity and Water, AMC's of expensive equipment and insurance of vehicles laboratory maintenance, functioning of specialised cells like EIA, IT/RS/GIS etc. For this WII requested for **Rs. 3.5 crores**.

After detailed deliberation over the justifications, the Finance Committee approved the above proposals and instructed that WII should submit request to IFD for additional grant under this head which will be considered at the time of Revised Estimate Budget Allocation.

Agenda 6: Requirement of Funds for M.Sc. Programmes

There are two MSc Programs conducted at WII, (1) MSc in Wildlife Science and (2) MSc in Heritage Conservation. As new academic affiliation MoU with AcSIR has been signed, an annual grant of Rs. 1 was requested by WII

Chairman proposed that the MSc Course funds could be raised from Public Sector Enterprises like Coal India Limited, General Insurance Corporation, etc. under their CSR scheme. Dean WII was instructed to prepare a draft MoU and covering letter within a week for these agencies. Meanwhile to avoid any further delays the two MSc programs should be advertised.

Agenda 7: Requirement of Funds for Diploma and Certificate Courses

The Diploma in Wildlife Management for IFS and SFS officers and Certificate Course in Wildlife Management for Range forest officers is currently run on funds charged as fees to the States. Request was made to MoEF&CC to sponsor 6 officers for Diploma and 8 officers for Certificate course from the North East and Economically

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Deficient States. Approval of Finance Committee for an annual grant of **Rs. 1 crore** for sponsoring officers was solicited.

Chairman proposed that the MoU with Coal India should be inclusive of this demand from WII as well. Other venues under CSR funding and a proposal for funding these courses under CAMPA could also be explored.

Agenda 8: Reimbursement of Outstanding Loan Amount

So as to meet compulsory financial obligations, and deficit in allocation in GIA, the Institute had to take loan from different projects from time to time. Total of 3.00 crore loan for the current FY 2022-23 had already been taken. Further as per approval in 36th Finance Committee, a loan of Rs. 2.91 crore was taken from corpus fund for disbursing salary, which has to replenished immediately on receipt of funds of Grant-in-Aid. Gratuity for an amount of Rs. 3.1 crore was paid from Pension Fund during April-2020 to March -2022 due to deficit under the salary component received from Grant-in-Aid.

Thus approval of Finance Committee was solicited for a loan amount of 6.25 Crore for the past financial year reimbursement.

After detailed deliberation over the justifications, the Finance Committee approved the above proposal.

Agenda 9: Transfer of Rs. 28.88 Crore from the General Corpus fund to the Pension Corpus Fund

As per 65th GB decision whole amt. of Rs.19.03 crore from Corpus Fund to Pension Fund was to transferred to Pension Fund. It was also decided in 65th GB that after meeting pensionary requirements, additional revenue generated shall be put in General Corpus Fund. Further as per Actuarial analysis the pensionary requirements /liabilities calculated was Rs. 94.17 crores. This Actuarial analysis was also communicated to MoEF&CC for lump sum grant.

Now permission was sought from the Finance Committee that while the permission from MoEF&CC is received for meeting the pension liabilities, an amount of 28.88 Crore from the General Corpus may be transferred to the Pension Corpus,

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leaving behind nearly a buffer of Rs. 5 crores in the General Corpus to meet any emergent funding shortage. Finance Committee was also requested for approval of transfer, of any amount accumulated in the General Corpus beyond 5 crores, to the Pension Corpus to meet the pension liabilities.

After deliberation over the justifications, the Finance Committee approved the transfer of 28.88 crore to the pension fund from the general corpus and agreed to pursue the matter of a one-time grant from the Government to meet the pension liabilities. Chairman also instructed WII to continue to raise resources through project/consultancies and courses of international stature and deposit in the Pension Corpus so that the pension liabilities can be reduced.

Agenda 10: Any other matter with permission of Chair

No other matters were raised in the meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Members.

S. P. Yadav
Member Secretary and Director WII

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As desired by Dean, I am herewith sending the revised draft minutes of 38th Finance Committee meeting for your kind perusal and further necessary action.

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MP AGGARWAL
(P.S TO DWII)**Note No. #2**

The 38th meeting of the Finance Committee of WII was held under the chairmanship of DGF&SS on 17 May, 2022 at New Delhi.

The draft minutes of the meeting are submitted for kind approval of the DGF&SS please.

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S. P. YADAV
(ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERALS OF FORESTS)**Note No. #3**

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CHANDRA PRAKASH GOYAL
(DGF&SS)**Note No. #4**

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S. P. YADAV
(ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERALS OF FORESTS)**Note No. #5**

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RUCHI BADOLA
(DEAN)**Note No. #6**

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Draft minutes (DFA/108016) are submitted for kind approval of the DGF&SS please.



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S. P. YADAV
(ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERALS OF FORESTS)

Note No. #7

Agenda 9 the decision be read as follows:

After deliberation over the justifications, the Finance Committee, **subject to the approval of GB** of the Institute, concurred the transfer of 28.88 crore to the pension fund from the general corpus and agreed to pursue the matter of a one-time grant from the Government to meet the pension liabilities. Chairman also instructed WII to continue to raise resources through project/consultancies and courses of international stature and deposit in the Pension Corpus so that the pension liabilities can be reduced

Rest as proposed.



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CHANDRA PRAKASH GOYAL
(DGF&SS)

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