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 - 2) The Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd
 - 3) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal.
 - 4) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research, Monitoring & Development, West Bengal.
 - 5) The Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Commerce & Enterprises, Govt. of West Bengal.
 - 6) The Secretary, Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
 - 7) The Joint Secretary, Finance, Govt. of West Bengal.
 - 8) All Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
 - 9) The Joint Secretary, Forest Department, West Bengal.
 - 10) All Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
 - 11) All Field Directors, West Bengal.
 - 12) All Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
 - 13) All Deputy Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
 - 14) All Divisional Forest Officers, West Bengal.
 - 15) All Deputy Field Directors, West Bengal.
 - 16) All General Managers / Divisional Managers, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Ltd.
 - 17) The Financial Advisor, Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

Sub : **Minutes of the Meeting of the Forest Produce Disposal and Price Fixation Committee held on 23rd September, 2019 at 12.30 P.m. at Aranya Bhawan (8th Floor) in Conference Hall, Kolkata.**

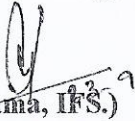
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Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find herewith a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the "Forest Produce Disposal and Price Fixation Committee" held on 23rd September, 2019 at Aranya Bhawan, under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

This is for your kind information and needful action.

Yours Sincerely,



(Dr. Anupama, IFS.)
Chief Conservator of Forests, Headquarters &
Member Convener,
Forest Produce Disposal and Price Fixation Committee,

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MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRODUCE DISPOSAL & PRICE FIXATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Dated: 23rd September 2019, Venue: Conference Hall 8th Floor Aranya Bhawan Kolkata

The Forest Produce Disposal and Price Fixation Committee held its meeting at 12.30 PM on 23rd September 2019 at Aranya Bhawan. The meeting was Chaired by Shri B.P Gopalika, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal and the Chairman of the Forest Produce Disposal and Price Fixation Committee. The meeting was attended by the following Members of the Committee:

1. Shri S. Barari, IFS, PCCF & HoFF, West Bengal
2. Shri R.K Sinha, IFS, PCCF & CWLW West Bengal
3. Dr. R.P Saini, IFS, MD-WBFDC Ltd. West Bengal
4. Shri J.T Mathews, IFS, PCCF RMD, West Bengal
5. Shri T.V.N Rao, PCCF & Addl PCCF, Finance, West Bengal
6. Shri S. Sundriyal, IFS GM HQ, WBFDC Ltd and Spl Invitee
7. Dr. Anupama, IFS, CCF HQ, West Bengal
8. Shri Tamal Krishna Saha, FA, Forest Department, West Bengal

The Agenda Items as listed were discussed in light of the corresponding agenda notes for the meeting, as circulated before hand and the following decisions were taken there on:

AGENDA 1: (A) Requirement of Timber by WBFDC Ltd.

During 2018-19, WBFDC Ltd was allotted 800 m³ of timber out of which 391 m³ of round timber was lifted by WBFDC Ltd. Balance timber could not be lifted because of non-availability of suitable timber and other issues like decrease in demand. Actual status of timber lifting and requirement for 2019-20 which was approved by the Committee during discussion in the meeting is given in **Table 1** below:

Table:1. REQUIREMENT OF TIMBER BY WBFDC LTD., FOR 2019-20

S.No	Species	WBFDC Ltd (m ³)			
		Allotment during 2018-19		Lifting during 2018-19	Requirement for 2019-20
		Requirement	Allotment		
1.	Sal	320	320	196	250
2.	Teak	250	200	97	200
3.	Jarul	90	75	62	90
4.	Gamar	60	60	0	60
5.	Pacasaj	0	0	0	10
6.	Panisaj	0	0	0	10
7.	Akashmoni	45	45	32	45
8.	Sissoo	80	80	4	70
9.	Lampatey	0	0	0	10
10	Dhupi	20	20	0	10
	TOTAL	865	800	391	755

For the year 2019-20 as requested by WBFDC Ltd., 755 m³ timber was approved to be allotted, for use in various joinery and carpentry units of the WBFDC Ltd. The validity of said allotment, including the corresponding lifting, as requested has been approved by the Committee to be upto 31st October 2020.

AGENDA 1(B) Fixing the Rates for supplying to WBFDC Ltd.

Forest Produce Disposal and Price Fixation Committee, has allowed the proposed price for 2019-20, as in Table 2 below, with respect to round timber of various species to be allotted to WBFDC Ltd., for running their carpentry and joinery workshops. The prices as requested were approved by the Committee for the forthcoming year from 1st November 2019 with a validity upto 31-10-2020.

Table: 2. RATES FOR SUPPLYING TIMBER TO WBFDC LTD.

S.No.	Species	Class	Approved Rates/m ³ in 2018-19 (Rs)	Proposed Rates/m ³ in 2019-20 (Rs)
1	Sal	Upto 60 cm girth	11000	11000
		Between 61-90 cm girth	18500	18500
		Between 91-120 cm girth	26000	26000
		Between 121 -150 cm girth	35000	35000
		Above 150 cm girth	41000	41000
2	Teak	Upto 60cm girth	22500	22500
		Between 61-90 cm girth	32000	32000
		Between 91-120 cm girth	44000	44000
		Between 121 -150 cm girth	52000	52000
		Above 150 cm girth	74500	74500
3	Jarul	Upto 60cm girth	5000	5000
		Between 61-90 cm girth	10500	10500
		Between 91-120 cm girth	17000	17000
		Between 121 -150 cm girth	18000	18000
		Above 150 cm girth	25000	25000
4	Akashmoni	Upto 60cm girth	12000	12000
		Between 61-90 cm girth	16500	16500
		Between 91-120 cm girth	21000	21000
		Between 121 -150 cm girth	24000	24000
5	Eucalyptus	Upto 60cm girth	5500	5500
		Between 61-90 cm girth	8500	8500
		Between 91-120 cm girth	10500	10500
		Between 121 -150 cm girth	14000	14000
		Above 150 cm girth	15000	15000
6	Panisaj	Average of all girth classes	17000	17000
7	Pacasaj		16000	16000
8	Champ		16000	16000
9	Gamar		20000	20000
10	Chikrasi		15000	15000
11	Mandane		11000	11000
12	Sidha		12000	12000
13	Chilauni		13000	13000
14	Sirish		10000	10000
15	Kadam		6000	6000
16	Maina		5000	5000

AGENDA 2 Finalization of the rates for the supply of mining props and cogging sleeper to the coal companies

PCCF & HoFF vide his Office Order No. 06-MO/MKT/2018 Dated 10-08-2018 had constituted a committee for the finalization of the rates for supply of mining props and cogging sleepers to the coal companies. The said committee which held meeting on 16th September 2019, has submitted a Report on the revision of rates for the sale of mining props and cogging sleepers. The Report as submitted is appended with the Minutes at ANNEXURE A. The rates so recommended by the said Committee in abovesaid Report are as in the Table 3 below and has been approved by the Forest Produce and Price Fixation Committee.

Table:3. PROPOSED RATES FOR SUPPLY OF MINNING PROPS TO COAL COMPANIES

GIRTH (cm)	DIA (cm)	LENGTH (ft.)	APPROVED RATES FOR 2018-19 (Rs)	PROPOSED RATES FOR 2019-20 (Rs)
A. POLES				
31-40	5	10'	266	292
		12'	353	388
		14'	380	419
		16'	466	512
41-50	6	10'	400	441
		12'	535	589
		14'	696	765
		16'	733	807
		18'	1006	1107
51-60	7	10'	549	604
		12'	696	765
		14'	806	886
		16'	975	1073
		18'	1322	1454
		20'	1485	1634
61-70	8	10'	1031	1134
		12'	1481	1630
		14'	1540	1694
		16'	1610	1771
		18'	1997	2197
		20'	2090	2299
		22'	2124	2336
B. POLES				
4''X4''		4'	92	102
5''X4''		4'	97	107
5''X5''		4'	104	115
5''X5''		5'	141	155

The rates of different mining timbers recommended by the Committee should not be treated as the Reserved Price of the Product

AGENDA 3 Miscellaneous Issues

- a. The Committee members approved the continuance of the same rates as per Schedule of Rates 2017-19, further from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2021, for two years without any change/escalation, as already approved by "Resolution by Circulation" in this regard.

- b. The approved rate of Maling Bamboo which is not explicit in the Schedule of Rates 2017-19, may now be incorporated in the Schedule of Rates and is proposed to be Rs. 1.50/per piece and Rs. 125/- per hundred pieces (for hundred or more pieces). The same also has the approval of the Committee.
- c. During discussion in the meeting it was also observed that the CFC operations and harvest are increasing over the years which presently approximates to around 7500 Ha. Since there is huge quantity of harvest of the produce the WBFDC Ltd., should explore the market for cogging sleepers, poles and pulpwood, all over the country. Efforts may also be taken for exploring the e-market portal for increase in sale of the harvested produce.

The meeting ended with thanks to Chair and all member.



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Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
Forest Department
&
Chairman,
Forest Produce Disposal and Price Fixation Committee