

**Minutes of Review meeting taken by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura on the
working of TFDPC Ltd. on 13.6.2011**

The meeting was attended by the following

1. Sri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Tripura
2. Sri Jitendra Choudhury, Hon'ble Forest Minister, Govt. of Tripura.
3. Dr. S K Panda, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura
4. Dr. R L Srivastava, Managing Director, TFDPC Ltd.
5. Dr. A. Rastogi, OSD to TFDPC Ltd.
6. Sri P.K.Das Executive Director, TFDPC Ltd.
7. Sri Biplab Dutta, Divisional Manager, South-I, TFDPC Ltd.
8. Sri Alak Pal, General Manager, TFDPC Industrial Estate.
9. Sri Gautam Das, Divisional Manager, North, TFDPC Ltd.
10. Sri Premananda Debbarma, Divisional Manager, South-II, TFDPC Ltd.
11. Sti J.L.Deb, Divisional Manager, Sadar, TFDPC Ltd.

2. Hon'ble Chief Minister chaired the meeting. Initiating the discussion, MD, TFDPC took the permission for a brief power point presentation from the Chair. MD TFDPC informed about Rubber production, Rubber wood and furniture production, and diversifications into Bamboo related activities. The decrease in productivity, decrease in profits earned, theft of Rubber from Plantations and non availability of land for raising Rubber plantations were focused as cause of concern. The priority works included setting up TSR factory at Takmacherra, Rubberwood Door factory at Anandnagar and opening of Bamboo division. The challenges before TFDPC Ltd. included encroachments, theft of Rubber, wrong allotment of Patta from Forest plantations to forest dwellers under RFR Act,2006 and inadequate manpower shortage etc. The power point presentation was followed by detailed discussions and following decisions were taken.

3. a. The existing planting stock of Rubber wood should be replenished with quality planting stock to revive the vigour as the currently available stock is too old. The action may be taken after due consultation with Rubber Board and include new varieties.
- b. Effort should be made to raise Rubber plant Nurseries through Decentralized People's Nursery model as is being done through SHGs / JFMCs.

- c. The plantations are to be raised for resource supplies, theft to be plugged and encroachments are to be handled firmly.
- d. TFDPC shall not increase new Rubber plantation areas. It shall only manage its existing plantation area either by replanting or by gap filling. The plantations are to be raised over gaps created within Rubber plantations and mature plantations which are harvested for timber.
- e. Protection duties dedicated police force may not be available. The protection of existing plantations and Rubber production may be made on JFM model
- f. Bamboo plantations having industrial usage may be raised near the CFC if possible.
- g. TFDPC should take up only one or two species of medicinal value and arrange its marketing in bulk.
- h. Withstanding the staff shortage, no new manpower may be arranged. The posts which are mandatory in nature as per statute like Company Secretary, Chief Accounts Officer etc. may only be filled up.
- j. TFDPC should make a plan for improving design and quality of furniture. Efforts must be made to promote sales of Rubber wood furniture being manufactured in Rubber wood Factory. From Furniture factory, the business volume needs to increase.
- k. Effort must be made to utilize the entire Rubber production within the state by supplying raw materials to local Rubber industries. The availability of technical manpower should be increased by specialized training at ITI Belonia.
- l. For keeping workers motivated, the benefits to the workers may be reviewed.
- m. TFDPC has set standards for Rubber plantation and created a situation where people are not required to encourage for Rubber plantation any more. They choose Rubber for their own. Now, TFDPC should divert its activity for setting standards for Bamboo and selected varieties of medicinal plantation and create a similar situation as present Rubber plantation.
- n. TFDPC shall not only function with profit motive. It shall function with a mandate for socio-economic development of the tribal & other backwards section of population.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Managing Director
TFDPC Ltd.**