

Minutes of the meeting of State Level Committee (SLC) for Wood Based Industries (WBI) in Gujarat State held on 21.07.2023

The meeting of the State Level Committee (SLC) for Wood Based Industries (WBI) in Gujarat State was held under the Chairmanship of PCCF & HoFF, Gujarat State at Gandhinagar on 21.07.2023.

The following Officers/Representatives attended the meeting;

Sr. no.	Name & Designation	Designation in SLC
1	Shri. S K Chaturvedi Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Gujarat State	Chairman
3	Shri U D Singh Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Development and Management	Member
4	Shri Shrawan Kumar Verma The Inspector General Forest (C) Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar.	Member
5	Shri Mahesh Singh The Managing Director, Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation, Vadodara	Member
5	Shri B L Chaudhri, Deputy Secretary, Forest & Environment Department Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.	Member
6	Shri U D Singh Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan, Gujarat state	Member
7	Shri G. Ramana Murthy, CCF, Vigilance, Gujarat State	Member Secretary
8	Shri Navneet Gajjar Kandla Timber Association	Invitee
9	Shri Babubhai Makani Gujarat Timber Merchants Federation	Invitee
10	Shri Mukeshbhai Patel Gujarat Plywood & Veneers Manufactures.	Invitee
11	Shri Hareshbhai K. Patel Gujarat Wood Based Industries Association	Invitee

At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members present in the meeting. The meeting then started with a round of introduction of the members present.

Agenda No.1.

Confirmation of minute of meeting held on 15.03.2023

The Member Secretary informed the members that the minutes of the last meeting held on 15.03.2023 was circulated to all members vide letter No. IND/36-4/182-92 dated 3.05.2023. As no remarks/observations were received on the minutes of the meeting, the same was confirmed by the Committee.

The Member Secretary informed the Committee about the progress made on the decisions taken in the last meeting of the SLC held on 15.03.2023. The Committee satisfactorily took note of the action taken report.

Agenda No.2.

Issue of Aafforestation in Gandhinagar City with funds accrued of Saw mill License

The Additional issue raised by APCCF D&M during SLC dated 18/7/2022 on the proposal for **utilization of fund/ interest accrued out of Bank balance of Sawmill License fee/ one-time fee of WBI Units for plantation/Urban afforestation works in Gandhinagar City as a part of "Hariyalu Gandhinagar"** as an initiative by the Government for greening Gandhinagar, wherein an estimated 150 ha. area has been planned for afforestation. The financial requirement for the afforestation work is Rs.3.50 Crores. APCCF, D&M informed that **the afforestation work shall be taken up in co-ordination with Gandhinagar Municipality who shall provide the land for plantation.** The Committee after due deliberation decided that Gandhinagar Division will prepare APO giving detail of the operations and shall implement the works. The work shall commence from 2022 (current year) and provision for up to 3 years

