

Proceedings of 7th meeting of State Steering Committee (SSC),

National Green Corps (NGC), Odisha held on 06.03.2014.

The 7th meeting of State Steering Committee (SSC) of National Green Corps (NGC) program was held on 6th March 2014 at 11.00am in the NSAP Conference Hall of WCD Department, Secretariat Building, Bhubaneswar under the chairmanship of Shri Raj Kumar Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department. The list members present in the meeting is as per Annexure-I.

Shri Raj Kumar Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department-cum-Chairman of the SSC welcomed the members. Dr. Sailabala Padhi, Director, Centre for Environmental Studies-cum-Member Convenor of the SSC gave a power point presentation on the activities carried out under NGC program during FY-2013-14.

After detail deliberation, the following decisions were taken.

1. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting of SSC held on 06.11.2012.

Minutes of the 6th meeting of the SSC held on 06.11.2012 were confirmed.

2. Compliance to the decision taken by SSC in the last meeting.

The SSC decided to hold the next meeting of SSC in the month of September 2014.

Out of 30 DIMCs, 7 districts have made School Inspectors/District Inspectors as Co-Convenor of DIMC. The SSC suggested the Nodal Agency to remind rest 23 districts for implementation of the same.

The SSC suggested the Nodal Agency to take necessary steps for establishment of Green Clubs. The Chairman suggested the Nodal Agency to write to interested educational institutions. The technical guidance will be provided by the Nodal Agency.

Regarding participation of ecoclubs in the parade, the SSC suggested the Nodal Agency to write to all District Collectors for implementation of the same. In the district level parade, district will facilitate awards to best ecoclubs in shape of trophy.

3. Proposal of M/s TATWA Technologies Limited on SMS based solution for ecoclub activities

Proposal of M/s Tatwa Technologies Limited on SMS based solution for ecoclub activities was discussed in detail. The SSC decided to constitute a committee for review of the proposal through presentation by M/s Tatwa Technologies Limited. The committee will be headed by Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary, Forest & Environment with the Member Secretary, Odisha State Pollution Control Board & Director, CES as members. On the basis of recommendation of this committee, further decision will be taken by the SSC.

4. Guide book for ecoclubs

A draft guide book has been prepared by the Nodal Agency in consultation with State Resource Agencies namely CPR Environment Education Centre (CPREE), Chennai and Centre for Environment Education (CEE). The SSC approved proposal and suggested to publish the guidebooks for all ecoclubs & Master Trainers through purchase committee.

5. Training of teachers- in- charge & Master Trainers in regular interval

The last master trainer training programme was conducted in 2008 with the financial support of the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), Government of India. Similarly last ecoclub teacher-in-charge training program was conducted in 2010 for 3045 teachers with the support of MoEF. Teacher training program for new 2000 ecoclubs was conducted in 2011 with the support of State Government. It was felt that there is need of conducting these programs on regular interval at least every alternate year. Proposal for which financial support from State Government for the purpose was discussed in detail. The Chairman opined that there is very rare possibility for providing financial support by the State Government under non-plan budget. However, the Nodal Agency may submit a proposal before the Government for consideration.

6. Organising Video Conference & Joint meeting

First ever Video Conference with all members of DIMCs was conducted in 2011 to discuss on the activities of ecoclubs in all districts. Similar event can be organized at least once a year where all SSC members can discuss with all DIMCs for strengthening

ecoclub activities. A joint meeting of SSC & DIMC can also be conducted. The SSC appreciated the proposal which can be implemented in future. However, the SSC suggested the Nodal Agency to keep regular contact with DIMCs and guide them in strengthening the activities of ecoclubs.

Next meeting of SSC will be held in September, 2014.
Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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