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INDIAN FOREST SERVICE BENEVOLENT AND WELFARE TRUST (IFSBWT)

Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Governing Body (GB) held through virtual mode

Date: July 18, 2026; Time: 4:00 PM

Attendance: The list of participants of the meeting is attached at Annexure I.

Agenda Item-wise discussions held and decisions taken:

1. Review of action taken on the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Governing Body

(i) The Governing Body noted that actions have already been taken or initiated on item nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the minutes of the last GB meeting.

(ii) Item No. 7 (Proposal for renaming the "IFSBWT Fund" as "Forest Martyrs Fund" or "Van Karmi Kosh"): It was decided to continue with the original nomenclature of "IFSBWT Fund." Changing the name would require an amendment to the existing Trust Deed, which was registered only a few months ago.

(iii) Item No. 8 (Enhancing institutional engagement and partnership with the offices of State PCCFs (HoFF) through a virtual meeting or via the MoEFCC): It was decided to first seek an appointment with the DGF & SS to explore the feasibility of Trust members participating in any upcoming meetings of PCCFs & CWLWs to apprise them of the Trust's objectives and activities. If no such meeting is proposed by the MoEFCC in the near future, the IFSBWT will organize a virtual meeting at its own level with PCCFs, State Coordinators, and Nodal Officers in August 2026.
(President ; Secretary)

(iv) Item No. 9(i) to 9(iii): Regarding item no. 9(i), it was decided to instruct the Chartered Accountant (CA) to expedite the auditing of the Trust accounts and file the ITR for FY 2025-26 without further delay. CA will also be invited to future GB meetings till completion of this exercise. For the remaining parts of item 9, it was noted that the requisite action has already been completed. **(Treasurer; CA)**

2. Consideration of Draft Guidelines for Trust Assistance

The draft guidelines on the subject (at Annexure 2 of the agenda note), formulated by the Committee on Scrutiny and Evaluation of Proposals (CSEP) during its meeting on July 13, 2026, were discussed clause by clause. The GB observed that the guidelines broadly align with the objectives laid down in the IFSBWT Deed document and can be adopted with the following amendments:

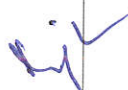
(i) Clause 6 (Evaluation); Sub-clause A (Eligibility) – Second Bullet Point:

- **Existing text:** "Whether the incident occurred during performance of official duties, wherever applicable."
- **Replaced with:** "Whether the incident occurred during the line of duty, including commuting to or from the workplace/duty, wherever applicable."

(ii) Clause 6; Sub-clause D (Assistance Received from Other Sources):

- **Action:** To be deleted entirely.
- **Reasoning:** The GB noted that the core objective of the IFSBWT is to provide "immediate financial relief at the very moment of distress" to the affected personnel or their families based on its own prescribed format. Its decisions should remain free from biases that may arise due to "likely benefits" from other sources. Furthermore, assistance from employers, insurance, or the government is rarely "immediate" as it must clear numerous administrative channels and paperwork.

(iii) Clause 7 (Prioritisation and Quantification of Assistance); Sub-clause 7.2 (Priority Categories) – Priority-III:

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- **Existing text:** "Exceptional financial hardship affecting the family of an officer or forestry field personnel."
 - **Replaced with:** "Welfare measures, including an incidence of exceptional financial hardship affecting the family of an officer or forestry field personnel."

(iv) Clause 9 (Time Limits) – Detailed Evaluation and Recommendations:

- **Existing text:** "Within 15 days after receipt of complete documents."
- **Replaced with:** "Within one week after receipt of complete documents."

In line with the decision taken during the General Body meeting of the IFSBWT held on May 24, 2026, to widely circulate the draft guidelines for feedback prior to adoption, the GB decided to upload the draft guidelines formulated by the CSEP—along with the above comments of the GB—to the Trust's official website. The document will also be shared with various IFSBWT groups, including the Board of Trustees, State Coordinators, Nodal Officers, and various IFSA groups, allowing a timeline of seven days for comments. **(CSEP)**

3. Integration of SBI Payment Gateway and Approval of the Enabling Resolution

After detailed discussion, the GB approved the integration of an online payment link from the State Bank of India (SBI) onto the official web portal, www.foresttrust.in. The objective is to create a seamless online system ensuring that:

- Donors can make contributions online directly through the web portal.
- All such donations are credited directly to the official bank account of the Trust maintained at the SBI, CGO Complex Branch, Lodi Road, New Delhi.
- The web portal automatically generates and provides a receipt to every donor immediately after payment execution.
- The bank provides full details of all transactions received through the link to the Trust at mutually agreed intervals.

It was decided that the Trust, through two authorized signatories, shall sign and submit all required applications, agreements, and documents to the SBI, CGO Complex Branch, Lodi Road, New Delhi, to give effect to this system. A certified copy of these minutes will be furnished to the bank by the Trust. This mechanism shall remain in force until revoked or modified by a subsequent decision of the Governing Body, followed by a written notice to the bank. **(President; Secretary; Mr. Vikas)**

4. Scheduling of an Online Stakeholder Interaction

The discussion held and the decision taken by the GB on this agenda item have already been recorded under Paragraph 1(iii) above.

5. Any Other Matter

(i) The GB ratified the appointments of Mr. Aditya Madanpotra (AGMUT:2016) as Nodal Officer and Mr. Ashwin Jaswant Parihar (AGMUT:2012) as State Coordinator for the State of Goa. Their appointment letters were issued by the Trust on July 7, 2026, following the recommendations of the PCCF, Goa.

(ii) It was brought to the notice of the GB that for a number of donations, adequate contact details of the remitters are not clear from the bank's credit entry statements. Consequently, the IFSBWT has been unable to issue receipts to these

donors. It was decided that a list of all such entries be compiled immediately and disseminated via the Trust's website and its internal networks (State Coordinators, Nodal Officers, and various IFSA groups) to identify the donors and issue the requisite acknowledgments. A copy of the list of such entries will also be provided to Dr. Bipin Behari, Executive Member of the Governing Body, who has kindly offered to help in sorting out this issue through his contacts. **(Mr. Vikas)**

(iii) It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Governing Body in a physical mode.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all participants.


R. K. Chaudhry
Secretary, IFSBWT

List of participants of the eighth meeting of the Governing Body of Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust held on July 18th, 2026 through online mode.

1. Sh. A K Goyal (KR:1981) - President
2. Dr. D.D. Sharma (JHK:1984) - Vice President
3. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Chaudhry (PB:1987) – Secretary
4. Sh. Sanjeev Chadha (OR: 1989) – Joint Secretary
5. Dr. Bipin Behari (AGMUT:1985)- Member
6. Sh. Surendra Kumar (KR:1986) - Member
7. Sh. A. K. Johari (AM:1986) – Member
8. Sh. C. D. Singh (AGMUT:1987) – Member
9. Sh. Nishant Verma (UTT:1999)- Member