

5th Training Workshop on 'National Bamboo Database for the Division Level Users (DFOs) held at IFP, Ranchi on 28th and 29th December 2015

Fifth Training Workshop on 'National Bamboo Database for the Division Level Users generally Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs), or their equivalents from other departments, from the Eastern States, (viz., Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and West Bengal) was held at IFP, Ranchi (Jharkhand) on 28th and 29th December 2015. As per BTSG-ICFRE's schedule 28th December 2015 was meant for the training/sensitization of the DLUs from Odisha, Jharkhand and Bihar, and 29th December 2015 for the participants of West Bengal and Chhattisgarh.

On the first day that is 28th December 2015 in the absence of any DLUs it was decided that a sensitization programme for the Scientists and Research Staff of IFP, Ranchi be organized with a view to train them to act as a conduit between BTSG-ICFRE and DLUs of Eastern States.

In the evening, with the assistance of Dr SA Ansari, Director, IFP and Dr Sanjay Singh, Scientist-E, IFP a meeting was fixed with Shri BC Nigam, PCCF, Jharkhand and Shri AK Pandey, Addl. PCCF and State Mission Director, Jharkhand in the State Forest department headquarters. During this meeting Dr Vimal Kothiyal made a presentation on the Web Portal/Software, which followed detailed discussion on the use of software, creation of IDs, formats, data entry, correction and/or revision of data, transmission of data etc. This meeting proved to be very fruitful and PCCF and SMD assured to harness the DLUs of the State to initiate this exercise in the right earnest.

On 29th December 2015 too, no participating DLU of West Bengal and Chhattisgarh did turn up. However, 20 participants including one Addl. PCCF, two DFOs from Chatra and Godda Divisions, and 10 Computer Operators from Jharkhand underwent the training on the bamboo data base software.

During this training programme BTSG – ICFRE was represented by Dr Vimal Kothiyal ADG (RP), Shri SS Jain, Consultant (Bamboo Plantation) and Shri Sudhir Kumar, Consultant (Bamboo Web Portal). Dr Sanjay Singh, Scientist-E, IFP, Ranchi and his team provided logistic support.

For the convenience of participants and with a view to make the most the training workshop was divided into following sessions:

Session – 1: Welcome address

Session – 2: Presentation by Dr. Vimal Kothiyal, ADG (RP), ICFRE / BTSG – ICFRE, Dehra Dun on Web Portal / Database (basic information flow and structure)

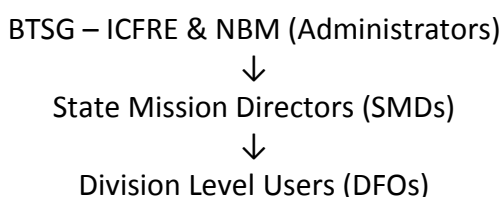
Session – 3: Presentation on Web portal of National Bamboo Database (Working of Web Portal/database functioning and Data Entry Formats) by Shri Sudhir Kumar, Consultant, (Bamboo Web Portal) BTSG – ICFRE, Dehra Dun.

Session – 4: Training Session on Web Portal /Database

Session – 5: Question hour Session

On 28th December 2015 Dr SA Ansari, Director, IFP addressed the Scientists and Research Staff of IFP on National Agroforestry and Bamboo Mission, BTSG-ICFRE and genesis of Web Portal/Data base. Dr Vimal Kothiyal then started the proceedings of the day; he stressed upon the role of these training programmes and hoped that they would be able form a link between BTSG-ICFRE and DLUs of Eastern States.

On 29th December 2015 in the training of participants of Jharkhand Dr Kothiyal explained the structure and work flow of the software through a PowerPoint Presentation. Participants were informed that bamboo resource information of the whole Division/State/Country irrespective of schemes and funding agencies has to be included in the forms. He also explained that this software works on the following three tiered structure:



While dealing with step by step methodology for using this software Dr Kothiyal explained to the participating Division Level Users that after filling all the forms, they will send the forms to the State Mission Director, but before sending it to the SMD the DLU must ensure that forms have been filled in properly and factual information is entered, auto-check has been provided in the software to alert DLU to this effect. And prior to sending the properly filled in forms to the SMD, he would have to ask SMD to activate the **Send** button to enable him to transmit the data. SMD will check the forms; if SMD finds data in order then he would forward it with his remarks to Admin. (BTSG-ICFRE or NABM) after answering the mandatory queries of auto-check provision, SMD will, however, request 'Admin' to activate his **Send** before forwarding the data forms. In case SMD finds forms not properly filled in or genuineness of data he would send it back to the DLU with his remarks.

Dr Kothiyal dealt with the role and function of the web portal at each level. He also explained the procedure for creating the users at all the three levels and their approval procedure. Data entry formats were also discussed as well as the precautions required to be taken while entering the data. Other features of the web portal which are yet to be introduced were also discussed.

Shri Sudhir Kumar, Consultant (Bamboo Web Portal) under BTSG – ICFRE made a PowerPoint presentation on functioning and data input into the software. One by one all formats were displayed for point to point discussion in the house.

Hands on training session was also conducted simultaneously, which proved to be quite useful as participating DLUs took keen interest in general operation of software, creation of division level IDs, filling up of formats, using correct units, forwarding filled in formats to the SMD, correction of data, etc. This part of training to the DLUs was imparted on one to one basis. IDs were created for both participants. However on the basis of previous day's interaction with Shri

Pandey, SMD Jharkhand State, it was found that the exercise of creating IDs of remaining DLUs of Jharkhand State was completed and 38 user IDs were created by SMD Jharkhand.

The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Vimal Kothiyal to all the participants for actively participating in workshop and providing their value time. Participants also thanked the organizers for short but helpful workshop.

BTSG-ICFRE puts on record acknowledges to Dr SA Ansari, Director, IFP, Ranchi for excellent facilities. We are also thankful to Dr Sanjay Singh, Scientist-E, IFP and his team for overall support rendered in successful organization of this training programme.

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