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To :

BY SPEED POST

ALL MEMBERS, SPECIAL INVITEES OF THE BOARD.

Sub:- Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata,
West Bengal on 30th March, 2013.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the 222nd meeting of the Board held in Kolkata, West Bengal on 30th March, 2013.

In case you have any comments to offer on the minutes, please communicate the same by 08th May, 2013 to this office.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

(P. K. Dash)
Secretary I/c..

Enclo: As stated.

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Secretary I/c..



Minutes of the 222nd meeting of the Board held in Kolkata on 30th March, 2013.

Members Present

1. Shri M.G.V.K. Bhanu, Chairman, Tea Board
2. Shri P. Vishwanathan, MP (Lok Sabha) F-9 Varsha Block, Vasundhara, Residential Enclave, Andalpuram, Madurai-625003, T.Nadu
3. Shri Tarini Kanta Roy, MP (Rajya Sabha) 135-137, North Avenue, New Delhi – 110 001
4. Shri D.P. Roy, MLA, Natun Para, P.O. & District - Jalpaiguri, Pin-735 101, West Bengal,
5. Shri A.N. Singh, Chairman, Indian Tea Association, 6. N.S. Road, Kolkata-700 001,
6. Shri G.J. Ancheril, President, UPASI, Glenview, Coonoor 643101, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu,
7. Shri J.L. Butail, Chairman, Kangra Tea Planters Association, Kangra-176059, Himachal Pradesh.
8. Shri Rajinder Singh Thakur, P.O. Khalet, The, Palampur, Dist. Kangra, PIN-176 061, Himachal Pradesh
9. Shri Akshay Kumar Rajkhowa, 4-F, Aditi Apartment, Manik Nagar, By-Lane 2(Right), Guwahati-781005, Assam.
10. Shri Shankar Malakar, MLA, President Dist. Congress Committee, Babupara, Siliguri
11. Shri Alok Chakraborty, Secretary, INTUC West Bengal Branch, Putul Ghar, Durgaguri, P.O. Pradhannagar, Siliguri-730 001, W.B.
12. Shri A.K. Moni, Ex-MLA, Top Station Road, Munnar-P.O., Dist. Iduki, PIN-685 612, Kerala
13. Shri Samir Roy, Station Road, Jalpaiguri-735101, West Bengal.
14. Smt. Barnali Dey Mohinta, C/o. Smt. Gita Dey, Dey Lodge, Nazrul Sarani, Ashrampara, Siliguri, PIN-734 401, West Bengal,
15. Shri Koshy Baby, 11/157, Puthumanna, Chambala, Calicut Road, Gudalur Bazar-P.O. PIN-643 212, Nilgiri District, Tamil Nadu
16. Shri M. Chandrakant, MD, Golcha Tea Plantation Pvt. Ltd., S.No.169, The Island, Flat-E/216, Opp: Wakad Petrol Pump, Wakad, Pune-411057
17. Ms. Chitra Ramesh, 801, A Block, RNS Shanti Nivas Apartment, Tumkur Road, Yeswanthpur, Bengaluru-560 022, Karnataka,
18. Sri T. Udaychandran, MD, Incoserve, Coonoor representing Principal Secretary, Micro, Medium & Small Industries Department, Government of Tamilnadu, Chennai-600 009.

The following members regretted their inability to attend the meeting and leave of absence was granted to them:

1. Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002, H.P.,
2. Dr. Ajit Kumar Agarwala, Agarwala House, 2nd Milestone, Sevok Road, Siliguri, PIN-734 001, West Bengal.
3. Shri Dinesh Kr. Sharma, Vice Chairman, Tea Board, Lachit Nagar, P.O. Rupai Siding, Dt.-Tinsukia, PIN-786153, Assam
4. Shri Sanjiv Sarin, Regional President-South Asia, Tata Global Beverages Ltd. 62, III Cross, II Phase, Industrial Suburb, Yeswantpur, Bengaluru
5. Shri Hiranya Bora, House No.36, Tarun Nagar, Bye-Lane-4, Guwahati, Assam-781 005
6. Shri P.V. Balachandran, Chandra Estate, P.O. Narikundu, Ambalavayal-673 593, Wayanad, Kerala,
7. Shri Anshuman Kanoria, 10, Princep Street, Kolkata-700 022.
8. Dr. S. Ramu, Ph.D., Doddacombu Tea Factory Pvt. Ltd., Snowdon Tea Factory, No.9, Springfield, Coonoor-643101, Nilgiris, T.N.
9. Shri Rajen Gohain, MP (Lok Sabha), Tilak Deka Road, Itchali, P.O. & Dist. Nagaon, Pin 782001, Assam

The following members did not attend the meeting:-

1. The Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Deptt., Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781 006, Assam,
2. The Secretary (Investment Promotion), Industries Department, Govt. of Kerala, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695001,
3. Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Govt. of West Bengal, 4, Camac Street, Kolkata-700 017
4. The Principal Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala-799 001, Tripura.

Special Invitee Present

1. Shri Bijoy Gopal Chakraborty, President, CISTA, 20, College Para, P.O. & Dist. Jalpaiguri, Pin-735101, West Bengal
2. Chairman, UPASI Tea Committee, UPASI, Glenview, Coonoor-643101, Dist.-Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu
3. The Chairman, Darjeeling Tea Association, 6, N.S. Road, Kolkata-700 001.
4. Shri Hemant Bangur, President, Tea Association of India, India Exchange Bldg., 4, India Exchange Place, Kolkata-700 001
5. Shri Bidyananda Borkakoty, Jt. Forum of ATPA, NETA & BCP, Jorhat-785 001, Assam.

Special invitees regretted their inability to attend the meeting:

1. Dr. Dr. Surender S. Ghonkrota, Director (Enforcement), Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Room No. 311, 3rd Floor, FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110 002,
2. Shri H. Shah, Chairman, FAITTA, Girnar Complex, Kureshi Nagar, Kurai East, Mumbai-400 070.

The following Special Invitee did not attend the meeting:-

1. Director (Plantation), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Deptt. of Commerce, Govt. of India, "Udyog Bhawan", New Delhi-110 107
2. The Chairman & Managing Director, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFI) Basundhara Enclave, B.K. Kakati Road, Ulubari, Guwahati-781 007, Assam
3. The Chairman, Tea Research Association, 113, Park Street, Kolkata-700 016.

Chairman, Tea Board welcomed the members present to the meetings of the Board and Committees. He requested all members present in the meeting to participate in the deliberations of all the Committee/Board so that a fruitful decision could be taken.

Item No.A-1 of the Board	To elect Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2013-14 (Up to 31 st March, 2014).
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Chairman said that the tenure Shri Dinesh Kr.Sharma as Vice-Chairman, Tea Board will expire on 31-3-2013 and the Board need to elect a Vice-Chairman for the year 2013-14. Earlier it was decided that the next Vice-Chairman might be the Chairman, ITA. The Board may however decide on the issue.

Shri Samir Roy said that as per the convention the Vice-Chairman used to rotate between South India and North India. It need not be either from UPASI or ITA but any one could be elected as Vice-Chairman. There were numerous occasions when even labour members and also small tea growers have become Vice-Chairman.

Shri P.Viswanathan, MP suggested the name of Shri Koshi Baby as Vice-Chairman for the year 2013-14. Shri Samir Roy seconded the same. Other members also joined to support him. Shri A.N.Singh, Chairman, ITA said that he was not keen to become Vice-Chairman. Members unanimously elected Shri Koshi Baby as Vice-Chairman, Tea Board. Shri Koshi Baby took the Chair as Vice-Chairman. He thanked the members for electing him unanimously as the Vice-Chairman and assured that he would do justice to the post.

Item No.A-2 of the Board.	To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata, West Bengal on 25 th September, 2012.
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Secretary said that the minutes of the 220th Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata on 25th September, 2012, were circulated to all Members of the Board vide this office Circular No.3(3)/Sectt/2012/4093 dated 19th November, 2012. A comment was received by this office from Shri Bidyananda Borkakoty, Special Invitee Member, Tea Board, to the effect that though he was present in the meeting, his name was missing in the minutes. The minutes have duly been amended and his name has been added in to the special invitees' present list.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 220th meeting held on 25-9-12 with he above comments.

Item No.A-3 of the Board	Action Taken Statement (ATR) on main points / decision / conclusion of 220 th Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata on 25-9-2012-To place at 222 nd BM in Kolkata on 30-3-2013.
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The Board noted the action taken on the main points/decision / conclusions arrived at its 220th meeting held in Kolkata on 25-9-2012.

Item No.A-4 of the Board	To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata, West Bengal on 01 st December, 2012.
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Secretary said that the minutes of the last 221st Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata, West Bengal on 01st December, 2012, were circulated to all Members of the Board vide this office Circular No. 3(4)/Sectt/2012/5240 dated 15th January, 2013, with the request to communicate necessary suggestions / amendments, if any, within 31st January, 2013, to this office.

The following comments have been received by the office, which have been incorporated in the minutes:

The address in para 1.3 of the attendance part of Special Invitee on the 221st minutes of the Board has already been amended to read the correct address of the President, Tea Association of India as 4, India Exchange Place, Kolkata – 700 001 and the comments of para 3.12 of Shri Anshuman Kanoria may be amended to read as “Shri Anshuman Kanoria talked about the need to stop pilferage of tea and stated that steps should be taken to control pilferage during transport by introducing steps such as making holograms compulsory on packaging. Regarding encouraging packaging, he had stated that all exporters be incentivized by providing larger subsidy percentages and ceiling on packing machinery”.

The Board confirmed the minutes of its 221st meeting held in Kolkata on 1st December, 2012 with the above amendments.

Item No.A-5 of the Board	To note action taken on main points/decision/conclusions of 221 st Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata, West Bengal on 01 st December, 2012.
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The Board noted the action taken by the office on main points/decision /conclusion of 221st Meeting of the Board held in Kolkata on 01-12-2012 as detailed in the agenda note.

Item No.B-1	To note the sanction of Pension, Retirement Gratuity, Commuted value of pension and Family Pension in favour of Shri G. Boriah, Director of Tea Development superannuated from the services of the Board with effect from the afternoon of 31-01-2013.
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As recommended by the Executive Committee the Board sanctioned the retirement benefits in favour of Shri G. Boriah, DTD, who superannuated from the services of the Board w.e.f. 31-1-2013.

Item No.B-2	TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF TEA ACT, 1953.
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It was decided that further views and new proposals on the issue could be submitted by the members before the next Board meeting which could again be considered by the Board.

Item No.B-3	To accord ex-post-facto approval towards engagement of Shri Amal Roychowdhury as Advisor, Small Tea Grower's Directorate on contract basis with posting in the Board's Office, Dibrugarh, Assam.
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As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board accorded ex-post-facto approval towards engagement of Shri Amal Roychowdhury as Full Time Advisor of Small Tea Growers' Directorate with posting in the Board's Office, Dibrugarh, on contractual basis w.e.f.14-11-2012, for an initial period of 02 (Two) years or till such time, a regular incumbent joins to the said post, whichever is earlier, with the terms and conditions as detailed in the agenda note.

Item No. B-4	To accord ex-post-facto approval towards engagement of Shri M.C.Banerjee as Consultant contract basis to the office of the PS to MOS-C&I, Govt. of India
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As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board accorded ex-post-facto approval towards engagement of Shri M.C. Banerjee as Consultant along with his posting in the office of MOS-C&I, on deputation basis for providing expert advice and consultancy for a period of one year w.e.f. 01.12.2012 on the terms and conditions as detailed in the agenda note.

Item No.B-5	Approval of guidelines and revised stipend of "Project Scientist" and "Project Assistant" for Tea Board funded research projects
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As recommended by the Executive Committee the Board accorded approval for the revised guideline and revised stipend of "Project Scientist" and "Project Assistant" for Tea Board funded research projects.

Item No.B-6	To note the proposal towards enhancement of Tiffin Fee from Rs.110/- per head per month to Rs.150/- per head per month to Attender/Peon/Tea Boy etc. in Gr. D category engaged in tea services in head office and all regional offices of the Board in India for a period of 05 (five) years w.e.f. 01-04-2013.
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As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board approved the proposal for enhancement of tiffin fee from Rs.110/- per head per month to 150/- per head per month for Attenders/Peons/Tea Boy etc., under Gr.D category engaged in tea services in all offices of the Board in India, for a period of five years w.e.f. 01-04-2013, subject to the same conditions as stipulated by the Board earlier in this regard.

Item No.B-7	To accord ex-post-facto sanction and sanction for total amount of Rs.7,92,937/- towards payment to different tie-up hospitals for inpatient treatment of following employees and their dependent family members of the Board's Kolkata office.
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As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board accorded ex-post-facto sanction for a total amount of Rs.7,92,937/- (i.e. Rs,237,193 + Rs.239,904 + Rs.315,840) towards the payment to Desun Hospital & Heart Institute, Kolkata, for inpatient treatment of Shri S.Ramaswamy, (now deceased) an employee of Tea Board, Kolkata, payment to AMRI Hospitals, Salt Lake, Kolkata for inpatient treatment of Shri Swapan Dutta an employee of Tea Board, Kolkata and payment to AMRI Hospital, Kolkata for inpatient treatment of Smt. Priya Bala Das, dependent mother of Shri Prabir Ranjan Das an employee of Tea Board, Kolkata as per details given in the agenda note.

Item No. B-8	To consider and approve the Tea Board's Office Procedure Manual for its implementation in the Tea Board
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As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board approved the Office Procedure Manual of Tea Board as circulated for implementation in the Board.

Item No. B-9	To approve the proposal towards framing of Tea Board (Recruitment, Promotion and Conditions of service of Officers/Staff appointed by Tea Board) By Laws,2013 for the officers, staff whose Grade Pay is upto Rs.6600/-in the Pay Band-3.
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As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board approved the draft Bye laws of Tea Board (Recruitment, Promotion and Conditions of service of Officers/Staff appointed by Tea Board) By Laws, 2013 for the officers, staff whose Grade Pay is upto Rs.6,600/-in the Pay Band-3 for onward transmission to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, Govt. of India for confirmation and subsequent Gazette Notification.

Item No. B-10	Booking of Non-Plan Expenditure
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As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Board approved the proposal for booking of specific expenditure now booked under Non-Plan Head to book under Plan Head as detailed in the agenda note.

Item No. C-1	To consider the proposal for sanction of capital grant for a sum of Rs. 10,89,200/- for construction of school building of Lakhimpur Collegiate High School, North Lakhimpur, Assam..
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded sanction of capital grant for a sum of Rs. 10,89,200/- (Rupees ten lakhs eighty nine thousand two hundred only) in favour of Lakhimpur Collegiate High School, North Lakhimpur, Bogolijan, Assam towards construction of school building subject to fulfillment all the terms and conditions to be embodied in the agreement.

Item No. C-2	To consider the proposal for sanction of capital grant of Rs. 8,00,000/- for construction of school building of Nemitengani Girls' School, Lakhimpur, Assam..
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded sanction of capital grant for a sum of Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees eight lakhs only) in favour of Nemitengani Girls' High School, Lakhimpur, Assam towards construction of school building subject to fulfillment all the terms and conditions as per usual procedure to be embodied in the agreement.

Item No. C-3	To consider the proposal for sanction of capital grant for a sum of Rs. 8,00,000/- in favour of Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati, Assam for purchase of a medical equipment under Board's Labour Welfare Scheme..
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded sanction of capital grant of Rs. 8.00 lakhs (Rupees Eight lakhs only) in favour of Sri Sanakaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati, Assam for purchase of medical equipment as per the usual terms and conditions to be embodied in the agreement.

Item No. C-4	To consider the proposal for sanction of capital grant of Rs. 8.00 lakhs for purchase of medical equipments for the General Hospital, Munnar run by M/s Tata Global Beverages Ltd., Munnar. under Board's Labour Welfare Scheme
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded sanction of capital grant of Rs. 8.00 lakhs (Rupees Eight lakhs only) in favour of the General Hospital, Munnar, (M/s Tata Global Beverages Ltd., Munnar) for purchase of medical equipments as per the usual terms and conditions to be embodied in the agreement.

Item No. C-5	To consider the proposal for sanction of capital grant of Rs. 14,55,391/- for purchase of medical equipments for four garden hospitals run by Woodbriar Estates Ltd., Coimbatore under Board's Labour Welfare Scheme
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded sanction of capital grant of 14,55,391/- (Rupees Fourteen lakhs fifty five thousand three hundred ninety one only) in favour of four garden hospitals, viz. (1) Stanmore Garden Hospital, Valparai (Rs.5,48,576/-) (2) Highwavys Garden Hospital, Theni,(Rs.5,34,415/-) (3) Rockwood Estate Dispensary, Gudalur (Rs.1,86,200/-) and (4) Talayar Hospital, Idukki (Rs.1,86,200/-) run by M/s Woodbriar Estates Ltd., Coimbatore as per the usual terms and conditions to be embodied in the agreement.

Item No. C-6	To consider ex-post-facto approval of pilot project for construction of 800 units of UNICEF type double pit sanitary latrines in Labour Lines in selected tea gardens located in ABITA Zone-II covering Sivasagar, Jorhat and Golaghat districts of Assam as a Tea Board sponsored scheme to be funded under the HRD Scheme of the Board and sanction an expenditure of Rs. 48 lakhs for the purpose..
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded ex-post-facto sanction of Rs. 48 lakhs towards construction of 800 units of UNICEF type double pit sanitary latrines in labour lines in selected tea gardens in Sivasagar, Golaghat and Jorhat areas of Assam under the Tea Board sponsored pilot project funded from the HRD Scheme of the Board under A/c -2012-13.

Item No. C-7	To consider ex-post-facto approval of pilot project for construction of 800 units of UNICEF type double pit sanitary latrines in Labour Lines in selected tea gardens located in ABITA Zone-III covering Tezapore, Nagaon, North Lakhimpore districts of Assam as a Tea Board sponsored scheme to be funded under the HRD Scheme of the Board and sanction an expenditure of Rs. 48 lakhs for the purpose..
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded ex-post facto sanction of Rs. 48 lakhs towards construction of 800 units of UNICEF type double pit sanitary latrines in labour lines in selected tea gardens in Tezapore, Nagaon and North Lakhimpore areas of Assam under the Tea Board sponsored pilot project funded from the HRD Scheme of the Board under A/c -2012-13.

Item No.C-8	To consider ex-post-facto approval towards supply of 30000 Nos. of water purifier to the plantation workers of Sonitpur district of Assam.
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded ex-post-faction sanction towards supply of 30000 Nos. of water purifier to the plantation workers of Sonitpur district of Assam and sanctioned an expenditure of Rs.3,64,20,000/- for the purpose.

Item No. C-9	To approve of the continuance of the scheme of reservation of five beds at S.B. Dey Sanatorium, Kurseong, Darjeeling for treatment of tea plantation workers @ Rs. 8,000/- per bed per annum for a further period of one year from 01-4-2013 to 31-3-2014.
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded approval for the continuance of the scheme of reservation of 5 (five) beds at S.B. Dey Sanatorium, Kurseong, Darjeeling for a further period from 01-4-2013 to 31-3-2014 on the terms and conditions as mentioned in the agenda note subject to approval of the 12th Plan Scheme proposals.

Item No.C-10	To approve of the continuance of the scheme of reservation of three beds in the Leprosy Wing of Kalimpong Sub-divisional Hospital, Kalimpong on payment of Rs. 12,000/- per bed per annum for treatment of tea plantation workers and their dependants for a further period of one year from 01-6-2013 to 31-5-2014..
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded approval for the continuance of the scheme of reservation of 3 beds in the Leprosy Wing of Kalimpong Sub-divisional Hospital, Kalimpong, Darjeeling on payment of Rs. 12,000/- per bed per annum for a further period of one year from 01-6-2013 to 31-5-2014 subject to approval of Board's 12th Plan proposal and as per the usual terms and conditions. The Board will, however, recoup a token fee of Rs. 5/- per patient per day against actual occupation of bed from the management of the concerned tea garden who sponsor the patient for treatment in the hospital.

Item No.C-11	To approve the continuance of the scheme of the Board's financial assistance to the State Associations of Bharat Scouts & Guides in West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Assam towards development of scouting and guiding activities in the tea plantation areas for a further period of one year from 01-4-2013 to 31-3-2014.
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded approval for the continuance of the scheme of the Board's financial assistance to the State Associations of Bharat Scouts & Guides in West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Assam for development of scouting and guiding activities in tea sector in India for further period of one year from 01-04-2013 to 31-03-2014, as per the existing terms and conditions.

Item No.C-12	To approve the continuance of the scheme of reservation of 32 beds at Ramalingam T.B. Sanatorium, Perundurai, Tamil Nadu for a further period of one year from 01-04-2013 to 31-03-2014 for the benefit of tea garden workers and their dependants with payment of hospital stoppages of Rs. 92/- per patient per day on the basis of actual occupation of patient plus an additional fee of Rs. 25/- for registration per patient.
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded approval for the continuance of the scheme of reservation of 32 beds at the Ramalingam T.B. Sanatorium, Perundurai, Tamil Nadu against payment of hospital stoppages at all inclusive rate of Rs. 92/- per patient per day plus additional Rs. 25/- for registration charge to the patients of tea garden workers and their dependants referred by the gardens against actual occupation of bed for a further period of one year from 01-04-2013 to 31-03-2014, subject to approval of the XIIth Plan Scheme proposals.

Item No. C-13	To consider the proposal for sanction of capital grant of Rs. 12.00 lakhs for construction of school building of Naduar Sangeet Vidyapith, Sonitpur, Assam under Board's Labour Welfare Scheme.
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded sanction of capital grant of Rs. 11,90,000/- (Rupees eleven lakhs ninety thousand only) in favour of Naduar Sangeet Vidyapith, Sonitpur, Assam for construction of new school building as per the usual terms and conditions to be embodied in the agreement.

Item No.D-1	To Note the progress of the ongoing plan schemes
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The Board noted the progress of the ongoing plan schemes.

Item No. D-2	To accord Ex-post facto approval for expenditure incurred towards organizing Tea Conventions for the benefit of Small Tea Growers
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As recommended by the Development Committee, the Board ratified and accorded ex-post facto sanction of Rs. 9,97,000/- for organizing Tea Conventions at Aizwal, Mizoram and Uttar Dinajpur, WB.. The expenditure had been booked under the budgetary head "Development Grant" of the Research & Development Scheme for 2012-13.

Item No.D-3	To accord Ex-post facto sanction of Rs. 36.00 lakhs towards renovation of Boards' Jorhat Office, Rs. 30 lakhs for purchase of furniture for new office for the Small grower Development Directorate at Dibrugarh and Rs. 4.35 lakhs for setting up of new office at Arunachal Pradesh.
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As recommended by the Development Committee, the Board ratified and accorded ex-post facto sanction of Rs. 70.35 lakhs towards renovation/ improvement of Board's regional office at Jorhat and for creation of office infrastructure at Dibrugarh and Itanagar. The expenditure would be booked under Budgetary Head "Development Grant – Strengthening of field offices under the R & D Schemes of Tea Board".

Item No.D-4	To consider and approve of the proposed study tours for small tea growers
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As recommended by the Development Committee, the Board accorded approval and sanctioning of Rs. 19.738 lakh for organizing study tours for 81 small growers/ SHG members and book the expenditure would be booked under Development Grant.

Item No. D-5	To consider the application of M/s Bijni Dooars Tea Company Limited A/c of Kokrajhar Tea Estate for the period January to June, 2011 and July to December, 2011 under Tea Board's Orthodox Subsidy Scheme during the year 2011 under XIth plan period
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As recommended by the Development Committee, the Board agreed to accept the application as a special case and waive the lacuna and sanctioned the eligible subsidy to the involved tea company under the Orthodox Subsidy Scheme.

Item No.D-6	Ex-post facto approval for the proposal received from Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat for organizing training-cum-method demonstration of scientific aspects of tea cultivation.
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As recommended by the Development Committee, the Board ratified and accorded ex-post facto approval for Rs. 9,26,900.00 for organizing 30 nos. training-cum-method demonstration of scientific aspects of tea cultivation for Small Tea Growers in Assam. Funds would be met out of the Development Grant Head of R&D Scheme.

Item No.D-7	To consider the following two agenda items that were placed before the Development Committee during meeting held on 25.09.12 and deferred for discussion subsequently – a) <i>To approve of a resolution for moving the state governments to cancel the lease rights of those tea gardens which have failed to undertake replanting @2% per annum leading to low yield and poor quality and failed to make use of the lands available within the grant area for tea cultivation,</i> b) <i>To approve of a resolution for moving the state governments to consider allotting the uncultivable fallow lands available within the grant area in favour of garden workers for enabling them for construction of their own homes by availing the benefit of the Central Govt. Schemes such as Indira Avas Yojana and other such schemes,</i>
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On the issue of a resolution for moving the state governments to cancel the lease rights of those tea gardens which have failed to undertake replanting @2% per annum leading to low yield and poor quality and failed to make use of the lands available within the grant area for tea cultivation the Board decided that the CCPA in consultation with its constituents might submit to the Board a specific proposal and strategy to address the issue before the next Board meeting.

On the issue of a resolution for moving the state governments to consider allotting the uncultivable fallow lands available within the grant area in favour of garden workers for enabling them for construction of their own homes by availing the benefit of the Central Govt. Schemes such as Indira Avas Yojana and other such schemes, it was decided that wherever the managements failed to meet up the requirement of upto 75% minimum of the housing needs of their workers, such gardens will be identified by the Board and the Tea Board will write to the State Governments to take action under the Plantation Labour Act.

It was also decided that the Board might write to the DMs of the tea growing areas to identify the lands which can be used for housing purpose for the workers and the Board's local officer will coordinate with the tea garden to ensure that such lands are identified for the purpose of housing needs of the tea garden workers. All these issues will be reviewed after 6 months. It is the basic duty of the Government and the Tea Board to ensure that the basic requirement of shelter is provided to the workers without disturbing the general frame work of the tea industry.

Item No. E-1	To approve implementation of two modified schemes, namely: i) Scheme for participation in Fairs and Exhibitions with Tea Board ii) Brand Support Scheme.
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As recommended by the Tea Promotion Committee, the Board approved the modified versions of (i) Scheme for participation in Fairs and Exhibitions with Tea Board and (ii) Brand Support Scheme as detailed in the agenda note.

Item No. E-2	To note and advice on the activities of the Board's overseas offices at London, Dubai and Moscow
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The Board reviewed the performance and noted activities of the Board's overseas offices at London, Dubai and Moscow for the period October, 2012 to January, 2013 as detailed in the agenda note.

Item No.E-3	To review the recommendation of the Board towards shifting of the Board's Overseas Offices to India and post the officers in Head Office.
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On the recommendation of the Tea Promotion Committee, it was decided that the Board could inform the Ministry to shift the offices to Headquarters once the tenure of the current incumbents are over at London, Moscow and Dubai. It was also decided to once again write to the Ministry for upgradation of one post of DTP (II) to DTP(I) in the Head Office of the Board.

Item No: E-4	To accord approval to supporting establishment of Tea Boutique(s) in major cities/towns of India through a Scheme to be implemented during the current 12th 5-Year Plan having a cumulative outlay of Rs. 25 crores
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As recommended by the Tea Promotion Committee, the Board accorded approval for supporting establishment of Tea Boutique (s) in major cities/towns of India through a Scheme to be implemented during the current 12th 5-Year Plan having a cumulative outlay of Rs. 25 crores.

Item No.E-5	To ratify the sanction for Rs 3,84,107/- incurred towards procurement of 238 pieces. of I-Pad leather cover from M/s. Hidesign India Private Limited through M/s. Tea Research Association as special promotional gift items.
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As recommended by the Tea Promotion Committee, the Board ratified the sanction for Rs. 3,84,107/- incurred towards procurement of 238 pieces of I-Pad leather cover from M/s. Hidesign India Private Limited through M/s. Tea Research Association as special promotional gift items.

Item No:E-6	To ratify the sanction accorded by Chairman to the expenditure of Rs.8,63,907.20/- incurred in connection with purchase of tea for Head Office and New Delhi Office for the period January-March, 2013
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As recommended by the Tea Promotion Committee, the Board ratified the sanction accorded by Chairman to the expenditure of Rs. 8,63,907.20 including taxes in connection with purchase of tea for Head Office and New Delhi Office for the period January-March, 2013.

Item No.E-7	To ratify sanction accorded for Board's participation in Domestic fairs / Sponsorships as part of the domestic tea promotion.
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As recommended by the Tea Promotion Committee, the Board ratified sanction accorded to the expenditure under the Domestic Tea Promotion.

Item No. E-8	To approve 5-5-5 Project Proposal during 12 th . Plan Period
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As recommended by the Tea Promotion Committee the Board approved the proposal for implementation of the Project 5-5-5 in Russia, Kazakhstan, Iran and USA as detailed in the agenda note and sanctioned the proposed expenditure for activities undertaken during 2012-13.

Item No.E-9	To ratify the sanction accorded for an expenditure of Rs.10 lakhs incurred in connection with the supply of free tea during the Brahmotsavam festival in Tirumala and renovation and upgradation of the existing Tea Nook at Tirumala and Tea Centre at Koyambedu Bus Stand at Chennai under the Market Promotion Scheme.
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As recommended by the Tea Promotion Committee, the Board ratified the sanctioned accorded for an expenditure of Rs.10 lakhs under the Market Promotion Scheme viz., Supply of free tea during Brahmotsavam festivals at Tirumala = Rs. 4.00 lakhs; and Renovation and upgradation of Tea Nook at Tirumala and Tea Centre, Koyambedu Bus Stand, Chennai = Rs.6.00 lakhs.

Item No.AOB-I	To consider the proposal for taking up a Energy conservation project in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for implementation in Assam and West during the XII Plan period.
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As recommended by the Development Committee, the Board approved the proposed Energy Conservation Project in collaboration with UNDP for implementation in Assam and West Bengal during XII Plan period at a cost of Rs.22.33 crores and includes the same as one of the component of the R&D Scheme of the Board during XII Plan period.

Item No.AOB-II	To consider the proposal of TRA and UPASI TRF for imparting training of the Scheduled Caste growers and workers of tea gardens.
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As recommended by the Development Committee, the Board accorded approval for the activities to be conducted by the TRA and UPASI TRF over a period of six months for imparting training of the Scheduled Caste Growers and workers of teas garden under a common sub-plan, SCSP and sanctioned an expenditure of Rs.324.50 for TRA and Rs.47.15 for UPASI TRF as detailed in the agenda note.

Item No.AOB-III	To consider the proposal for sanction of capital grant of Rs. 12.00 lakhs for construction college building of Jonai Science College, Dhemaji,
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As recommended by the Labour Welfare Committee, the Board accorded sanction of capital grant of Rs. 12.00 lakhs (Rs.Twelve lakhs only) for construction college building of Jonai Science College, Dhemaji, as per the usual terms and conditions to be embodied in the agreement.

A.O.B: Others:

Controller of Licensing, Tea Board, made a presentation before the Board on the comments of the Committee on Sub-Ordinate Legislation on the Tea Marketing (Control) Order, 2005. The members noted and approved the views and suggestions made by the office on the same.

Shri B.Barkakoty informed the members that Shri H.P.Barooah, a renowned tea personality from Assam has been honoured with Padmashri Award by the President of India. He said that Shri Barooah being an ex-Board member, he should be felicitated suitably by the Board. Members welcomed the suggestion. Chairman said that Shri Barooah will be felicitated by the Board at a suitable function.

Next meeting of the Board:

It was decided that the next meeting of the Board may be held either at Munnar, Kerala or at Palampur, HP depending upon the logistics.

There being no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Secretary I/c.

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(M.G.V.K. Bhanu)
Chairman.