



## **ARIAS SOCIETY**

**Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Society**

*(An Autonomous Body under Govt. of Assam)*

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### **Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Project Guidance Council (PGC) and the Governing Body (GB) of the ARIAS Society Held on 8th May, 2017 at 3.00 PM in the Conference hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam.**

The joint meeting of the Project Guidance Council (PGC) and the Governing Body of ARIAS Society was chaired by Shri V. K. Pipersenia, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam & President, PGC, ARIAS Society in the presence of Shri K.K. Mittal, IAS, APC & Chairman, GB, ARIAS Society and the members of PGC & GB and other Senior Officials of the Govt. of Assam. The list of officials who attended the meeting is annexed at **Appendix-1**.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam & President, PGC, ARIAS Society welcomed all the members & officers present and requested the State Project Director (SPD), ARIAS Society to proceed as per the Agenda. The SPD gave item wise presentation on the Agenda Items for discussion. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions have been taken in the meeting:

#### **Item No: 1**

##### **(A) Approval of the Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Project Guidance Council (PGC) meeting of ARIAS Society :**

The Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> PGC Meeting held on 26.08.2013 was circulated to all the members of the PGC vide memo No: AACP/AF/PGC/336/2013/73, dated 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2013. No comments/ observation on the minutes have been received. The PGC confirmed the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> PGC Meeting.

##### **(B) Approval of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Governing Body (GB) meeting of ARIAS Society:**

The Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> G.B Meeting held on 30.01.2016 was circulated to all the members of the Governing Body of ARIAS Society vide memo No: ARIASS/GB/23/2016/206-212-A, dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016. No comments/ observation on the minutes have been received. The GB confirmed minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting.

#### **Item No: 2**

**Review and approval of the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> PGC Meeting and the 29<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting:**

The ATR on the Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> PGC Meeting and the 29<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting has been reviewed and approved by the joint meeting of the GB and the PGC.

#### **Item No: 3**

**Apprising the current status of preparation of the proposed World Bank financed 'Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project' (APART) and 'Assam Citizen Centric Service Delivery Project' (ACCSDP):**

A presentation has been made on the matter. The PGC and GB noted the current status of the proposed World Bank aided APART and ACCSDP.

#### **Item No: 4**

**Approval to the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) and the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) of the World Bank financed 'Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project' (APART) along with the Legal Agreements to be signed by the State Govt., Govt. of India and the World Bank:**

The joint meeting of the PGC & the GB has been apprised that the Project Information Document (PID) for APART was approved by the last GB meeting. Concerned directorates/agencies of the line departments associated with APART have prepared the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) in coordination with the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) of ARIAS Society. The PCU has consolidated the PIPs into a comprehensive PIP. The

World Bank, after series of consultations with PCU and various directorates/agencies of the line departments of APART has prepared the Project Appraisal Document (PAD) for APART.

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to “increase value-added and improve resilience of selected agriculture value chains, focusing on smallholder farmers and agro-entrepreneurs in targeted districts of Assam”. The Key Project Indicators as per the PAD will be: (a) Farmers reached with agricultural assets or services (number), of which female (percentage); Value add measured by: (b) Increase in quality as measured by price premium of commodities sold by beneficiaries in the selected value chains; (c) Share of selected commodities sold through new marketing channels; Resilience measured by: (d) Farmers adopting improved agricultural technology (gender disaggregated). The total estimated project cost is about US\$262.44 million and will be funded by an IBRD (World Bank) loan (US\$200.0 million), the GoA contribution (US\$50.0 million), and beneficiary contributions (US\$ 11.6 million). Indicative summary of the project costs are:

Project Components	Project cost		IBRD Financing		IBRD Financing %	% of Total Project Cost
	INR Rs. Cr.	USD Million	INR Rs. Cr.	USD Million		
A: Enabling Agri. Enterprise Development	250.89	36.90	163.74	24.08	76.21%	14.06%
B: Facilitate Agro Cluster Development	506.55	74.49	393.73	57.90		28.38%
C: Market Led Production and Resilience Enhancement	905.80	133.21	705.98	103.82		50.76%
D: Project Management, Monitoring and Learning	120.90	17.84	96.74	14.20		6.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1784.14</b>	<b>262.44</b>	<b>1360.19</b>	<b>200.00</b>		<b>100.00%</b>

World Bank has sent the PAD along with the Legal Agreements on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2017, to the DEA, Ministry of Finance, Gol and invited for negotiation of the Project. The DEA vide letter of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 has sought certain clarifications/modifications and same is being replied by the ARIAS Society.

**The joint meeting of the PGC and the GB approved the PIP and the PAD along with the Legal Agreements for APART, subject to approval by the State Govt.** and decided that in case any changes to the PIP/PAD are required pursuant to the review by the Gol/World Bank, the Chairman, GB may approve the same, subject to concurrence by the World Bank and the Govt. of Assam/India, and apprise the President, PGC. The President of the PGC instructed the APC and the SPD to follow-up the matter relating to negotiation of APART with the Govt. of India.

#### **Item No: 5**

##### **Approval of the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) for the World Bank financed Assam Citizen-Centric Service Delivery Project (ACCSDP) (under Admn. Reforms & Training Department, GoA)**

The joint meeting of the PGC & the GB has been apprised that the last GB meeting approved the PAD for ACCSDP and State Cabinet has also approved the same. ARIAS Society in consultations with the World Bank and the agencies involved in ACCSDP has prepared the Project Implementation Plan (PIP). The primary objective of ACCSDP is to improve access and strengthen accountability in the delivery of select public services under the Assam Right to Public Services (RTPS) Act 2012. On the demand side, the project will facilitate awareness of citizens for accessing & delivery of services under the Act, and on the supply side, will facilitate re-engineering of the procedures & processes for providing the services in select departments.

The World Bank has submitted the PAD for the ACCSDP to the DEA and the Bank requested the DEA to fix Negotiation date for the project. The DEA referred the matter to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Gol). The negotiation meeting for the project with the World Bank and the Gol was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and the project is being placed before the World Bank’s Board on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**The joint meeting of the PGC and the GB approved the PIP for ACCSDP subject to approval by the World Bank** and decided that in case any changes to the PIP are required pursuant to the review by the World Bank, the Chairman, GB may approve the same, subject to concurrence by World Bank and Govt. of India, and apprise the President, PGC.

#### **Item No: 6**

##### **Approval to the proposed amendments in the Memorandum of Association (MoA), Rules of Business (RoB) and Bye Laws of the ARIAS Society:**

The joint meeting of the PGC & GB has been apprised that the MoA, RoB and Bylaws of the ARIAS Society were last amended in the year 2012. However, it is now considered that the MoA, RoB and Bylaws need further

amendments to keep it relevant to the kind projects that the Society would be the managing/implementing in the upcoming years. The PGC and the GB perused the comparative statement showing the existing provisions of the MoA, RoB and Bylaws of the Society and the proposed amendments. The proposed key changes are – (i) ARIAS Society shall also function as a Centre of Excellence for facilitating its multifunctional core expertise for other developmental projects in Assam and beyond, including on commercial/contractual basis (as the case may be); (ii) Society may also take up consultancy assignments on commercial/ contractual basis for providing advisory & Project Management Services and may also apply for/participate in competitive processes for non-commercial schemes; and (iii) Management of Fund, Sanction & Fund Release Power of designated officials etc.

The joint meeting of the PGC and the GB reviewed and approved the proposed amendments of the MoA, RoB and Bye Laws of the ARIAS Society as shown at Appendix-2 subject to the condition that – (a) power of SPD for each individual sanction & fund release for the schemes under ARIAS Projects be enhanced to ₹.5.0 crore (instead of ₹.10.0 crore proposed); (b) power of SPD for each individual sanction & fund release for the expenditures of PCU be enhanced to ₹.1.0 crore (instead of ₹.5.0 crore proposed) and (c) SPD can be declared as DDO for ARIAS Society projects provided the same is approved by the Finance Department of the Govt. of Assam.

**Item No: 7**

**Approval to the proposed amendments in the HR Policy of the ARIAS Society:**

The joint meeting of the PGC & GB noted that the HR Policy of the ARIAS Society as approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> GB meeting has been notified and pursuant to the Policy nine (9) senior consultants have been hired along with some support staff. Further the joint meeting of the PGC & GB reviewed the proposed changes in the HR Policy of the ARIAS Society as shown in the statement at Appendix-3 and approved the proposed changes, subject to the condition that in case further changes are required, the Chairman, GB may approve the same and apprise the President, PGC. The PGC & GB noted that the office building of ARIAS Society is being renovated and refurbished to accommodate the increasing number of officials & consultants being/to be hired for managing the APART & ACCSDP.

**Item No: 8**

**Approval for changing the nomenclature of the positions of (i) ‘Social Development Specialist’ to ‘Social Development Specialist-cum-Deputy Project Director’ (ii) ‘Procurement Engineer’ to ‘Officer on Special Duty cum Procurement Engineer’ and (iii) ‘Manager’ to ‘Administrative Officer’ ARIAS Society:**

The joint meeting of the PGC & GB reviewed the proposal and approved that – (a) the current position of ‘Social Development Specialist’ be renamed as ‘Social Development Specialist-cum-Deputy Project Director’; (b) current position of ‘Procurement Engineer’ be renamed as ‘Officer-on-Special Duty cum Senior Procurement Specialist’ and (c) the current position of ‘Manager’ be renamed as ‘Administrative Officer’ with enhanced project allowance equivalent to the senior officers.

**Item No: 9**

**Ratification and approval to the amendments to the budget for the preparatory activities of APART:**

The joint meeting of the PGC & GB has been apprised that the 29<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting of the ARIAS Society approved an amount of Rs. 13.50 crore as Project Preparation Cost of APART and this was also approved by Finance Deptt. Since Negotiation meeting for APART has not yet been fixed by DEA and APART is yet to commence, PCU is in the need of more funds for operating expenses and payment of Salaries for the already recruited staff for APART. Therefore, the reallocation of the fund within the approved amount of Rs 13.50 crore has been approved by the Chairman, GB, as shown in the table below. The joint meeting of the PGC & GB was apprised that the Renovation/extension of PCU Building as approved by 29<sup>th</sup> GB is in progress; However, due to the increasing number of staff to be hired for APART/ACCSDP, more office space will be required and this will necessitate another extension of the building and the required additional amount of about ₹.1.5 crore for this activity is proposed to be met from fund released by Govt. for APART during 2016-17. The joint meeting of the PGC & GB agreed upon the same.

Sl	Item	Approved Amount by 29 <sup>th</sup> GB Meeting (Rs cr)	Proposed Modified amount (Rs Cr)
A	Project grounding cost of APART		
1	Hiring of Internationally Reputed consultancy firm	1.70	1.70
2	Hiring of 7 National Level Technical Experts	2.03	1.53
3	12 Support staff for core specialist	0.18	0.18

Sl	Item	Approved Amount by 29 <sup>th</sup> GB Meeting (Rs cr)	Proposed Modified amount (Rs Cr)
4	Exposure visit outside the state by PPT members/consultant/PCU officials	0.45	0.45
5	Laptops for Specialist	0.05	0.05
	<b>Sub-Total (A)</b>	<b>4.41</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Support to Ground Water Monitoring Cell &amp; FPOs</b>		
1	Ground Water Monitoring Cell		
a	Remuneration for Contractual Staff	0.35	0.00
b	Operating Cost ( including preparation cost)	1.50	0.00
2	Consultancy Cost for FPOs	1.12	0.00
	<b>Sub-Total (B)</b>	<b>2.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Operating Cost of ARIAS Society</b>		
1	Salary/Remuneration to PCUs existing staff engaged in preparatory activities	1.80	3.77
2	Office Stationery/consumables	0.20	0.20
3	Electricity/Telephone/Internet etc	0.50	0.15
4	Office Expenditure including for WB mission visit	0.35	1.86
5	Hiring Vehicle & POL	0.35	0.69
6	Maintenance of Office building and equipment/AMC	0.15	0.15
7	Renovation/extension of PCU Building	2.60	2.60
8	Miscellaneous Expenditure	0.17	0.17
	<b>Sub-Total (C)</b>	<b>6.12</b>	<b>9.59</b>
	<b>Grand Total (A+B+C)</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>13.50</b>

The joint meeting of the PGC and the GB approved the proposed amendments to the budget for the preparatory activities of APART.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Minutes approved by



(V.K. Pipersenia, IAS)

Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam and  
President, PGC, ARIAS Society

**Memo No. ARIAS/GB/23/2016/ 227 – A**

**Dated, Guwahati the 17 May, 2017**

Copy for favour of information & needful to the:

1. P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, and President, Project Guidance Council, ARIAS Society, Dispur.
2. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, (Agriculture etc.) and APC & Chairman, ARIAS Society.
3. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance/ PWD/ Planning & Development/ Information Technology/ WPT & BC / Urban Development Department/Industries & Commerce.
4. P.S. to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Administrative Reforms & Training (AR&T)/ Environment & Forest/ Fisheries/ Revenue & DM/ Finance Department.
5. Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture/ Transport/ Planning & Development/ A.H. & Veterinary/ Environment and Forest/ Handloom, Textiles & Sericulture Departments.
6. Commissioner & Spl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Public Works Roads Department (PWRD).
7. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force Assam.
8. Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC)/ Transport/ P&RD.
9. Director of Agriculture/ Horticulture & F.P./ A.H. & Veterinary/ Dairy Development / Fishery/ Handloom & Textiles / Sericulture / Land Records & Surveys/ WPT & BC.
10. Chief Engineer, PWRD (ARIASP & RIDF) & Project Director, World Bank aided Projects, PWRD/ Agriculture.
11. Managing Director, AMTRON/ WAMUL/ ALPCO/ ASWC and CEO, ASAMB.
12. Registrar, Cooperative Society.

*Internal: All by email.*

Forwarded by,



(Siddharth Singh, IAS)

State Project Director, ARIAS Society

**Appendix-1**

to the Minutes of Joint meeting of the PGC and the GB of ARIAS Society held on 8th May 2017

Attendance Sheet Meeting of the Project Guidance Council (PGC) and Governing Body (GB) of ARIAS Society			
Date: 8th May, 2017 Time: 03.00 pm		Venue: Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary Dispur, Assam.	
Sl. no	Name of the Officer	Designation	Signature
1	Shri. V.K. Pipersenia, IAS	Chief Secretary Govt. of Assam	
2	K.K. Mittal, IAS	APC & Addl. C/S. Agril.	
3	M. K. Sharma		
4	J. Gupta	Com & Inv, Fin Dept.	
5	M. I. Sharma	Secy Rev & Com	
6	L. Gogoi	Secy Transport.	
7	M. Gogoi	C&S AH & Vety + HTS	8.5.17
8	D. Singh	Addl. Comsecy	
9	ALI ASKAR	Secretary, SMC Env. & Forest	8.5.17
10	S.K. Das	DOF Assam	8.5.17
11	M.L. Pegu	Dy Secy, P.W.R.D.	8.5.17
12	A. Bhuyan	Director, A.H. & Vety, Assam	08-05-17
13	R. Gupta	Addl Secy AH & Vety & VC MD. AL-PCO	8.5.17
14	G. Malakar	Director, Dairy Dev. Assam	8.5.17
15	Siddharth Sengupta, IAS	State Project Director ARIAS Society and Secretary, Govt of Assam	

Sl. no	Name of the Officer	Designation	Signature
16	Baljeet Singh	Market Analyst	Baljeet
17	Manoj Kumar	DLR	Manoj
18	Anja Chahwas	Secy, ART Deptt.	Anja
19	Nitin Khade	Secy, IT Deptt	Nitin
20	Debjyoti Dutta	Jt. Secy. ART Deptt	Debjyoti
21	SB Bose	MD - WAMUL	SB Bose
22	Mustaqim Rakan	OSA - SPD	Mustaqim 8/5/2017
23	Panchali Kakati	SDS, ARIAS Society	Panchali 08/5/17
24	H. P. Baishya	Agri Coordinator, ARIAS	H. P. Baishya 8/5/17
25	Sreemant Phukan	Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist, ARIAS Society	Sreemant 8/5/2017
26	Fakharuddin Ahmed	Sr. Advisor, ARIAS	F. Ahmed
27	Piyamanda Singh W.	BPR & IT Specialist, ARIAS	Piyamanda
28	Dr. S. Parvathy	Fisheries Advisor ARIAS	Dr. S. Parvathy
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**Appendix-2**  
**to the Minutes of Joint meeting of the PGC and the GB of ARIAS Society held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**PROPOSED CHANGES**  
**to the Memorandum of Association (MoA), Rules of Business (RoB) and Bye Laws**  
**Of the ARIAS Society in tabular form**

*(Inserts are shown in **Bold** and deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ )*

**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**

Existing Provisions OF MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION	Proposed Modifications in MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
<p><b>Background</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project (ARIASP) Society came into existence on October 23, 1998 and after being Notified by the Government of Assam vide No. AGA. 124 / 98 / 44 dated 15-10-1998.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Background</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARIASP Society, was the 'Project Implementation Unit (PIU)' for the World Bank financed Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project (ARIASP) and was responsible for coordination and monitoring implementation of the Project as an apex State Level body ARIASP was closed on June 30, 2004 and a follow-on Project, with World Bank assistance called ' Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project' (AACP) became effective on February 24, 2005 which is to be implemented till December 31, 2009. Assam Government's notified vide No. AGA.400/2004/3 dated 04-10-2004, the ARIASP Society created vide notification No. AGA. 124 / 98 / 44 dated 15-10-1998 would act as the 'Project Coordination Unit' (PCU) of the AACP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the World Bank financed Project 'ARIASP' was closed on June 30, 2004, the 'ARIASP Society' hereinafter shall be called '<u>Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society</u>', briefly 'ARIAS Society'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Modifications</b></p> <p>"ARIAS Society will function as an apex autonomous body of the Government of Assam for monitoring, coordination and / or implementation of World Bank or any other externally financed / aided Projects or other Projects of any department as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time." <i>(Instead of World Bank or any other externally financed Project as per the existing MOA)</i></p>	<p><b>Key Modifications</b></p> <p><b>Key Amendment: (as approved by PGC on the meeting held on.....2017.)</b></p> <p>(List of amendment to be inserted here):</p>
<p>The Memorandum of Association (MoA) and Rules of Business (RoB) of the ARIAS Society shall remain amended as provided hereunder-</p>	<p>No Change</p>

Existing Provisions OF MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION	Proposed Modifications in MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
1. <b>Title:</b> The name of the society shall be 'Assam Rural Infrastructure And Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society' i.e. herein after referred as ' <b>ARIAS Society</b> '.	1. <b>No Change</b>
2. <b>Registered Office:</b> The registered office of the 'ARIAS Society shall be located in the Agriculture Campus, GS Road, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, Assam.	2. <b>No Change</b>
3. <b>Purposes and Objectives:</b>	3. <b>Purposes and Objectives:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ARIAS Society originally created vide Government notification No. AGA. 124/98/44 dated 15-10-1998, shall function as an apex autonomous body of the Government of Assam for monitoring, coordination and/or implementation of World Bank or any other externally financed/aided Projects or other Projects of any department as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primarily, ARIAS Society will focus on carrying out activities as laid down in the individual Project Report of the Projects taken up or to be taken up by the State Government with World Bank or other external finance/aid or financed/aided by any other source and as may be authorized by the State Government. Specifically, the basic objective of the ARIAS Society is to take up activities and make investments through various implementing agencies/ line departments of the State Government for achieving the development objectives of the individual World Bank or any other externally financed/aided Projects or other Projects of any department, as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primarily, ARIAS Society will focus on carrying out activities as laid down in the individual <del>Project Report</del> <b>mandate</b> of the Projects taken up or to be taken up by the State Government with World Bank or other external finance/aid or financed/aided by any other source and as may be authorized by the State Government. Specifically, the basic objective of the ARIAS Society is to take up activities and make investments through various implementing agencies/ line departments of the State Government for achieving the development objectives of the individual World Bank or any other externally financed/aided Projects or other Projects of any department, as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition, ARIAS Society shall also function as a Centre of Excellence for facilitating its multifunctional core expertise for other developmental projects in the State of Assam and beyond, including on commercial/contractual basis (as the case may be). The Society may also take up consultancy assignments on commercial/ contractual basis for providing advisory and Project Management Services and may also apply for/participate in competitive processes for non-commercial schemes</li> </ul>
<p>4. <b>Functions:</b> The functions of ARIAS Society shall be:</p> <p>a. to take/ undertake all actions/ activities that may be necessary for implementation of World Bank or Externally financed Projects, as authorized by the Government of Assam (such as World Bank financed ARIASP, AACP etc.), in particular for achievement of the development objectives of individual Projects</p>	<p>4. <b>Functions:</b> For attainment of its objectives, the Society may carry out amongst other, the following functions:</p> <p>a. to take/undertake all actions/activities that may be necessary for implementation of "World Bank or Externally financed/<del>aided</del> Projects or <b>other Projects of any department as may be</b> authorized by the Government of Assam (<del>such as World Bank financed ARIASP, AACP etc.</del>)," herein after also called as "<b>ARIAS Society Projects</b>", in particular for achievement of the development objectives of individual Projects;</p>

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b. to create duly empowered management mechanism, through participation of/collaboration with various government departments and autonomous bodies/ educational and research institutions including NGO's and private organizations etc., as may be deemed necessary for achievement of development objectives of the Projects as authorized by the Govt of Assam.	b. to create duly empowered management mechanism, through participation of/collaboration with various government departments and autonomous bodies/ educational and research institutions including NGO's and private organizations etc., as may be deemed necessary for achievement of development objectives of the Projects <del>as authorized by the Government of Assam.</del>
c. to establish an appropriate coordination and monitoring mechanism at the district, sub-division, block, village and Panchayat levels and to delegate appropriate powers to such bodies as may be necessary for implementation of the Projects, as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time;	c. to establish an appropriate coordination and monitoring mechanism at the district, sub-division, block, village and Panchayat levels and to delegate appropriate powers to such bodies as may be necessary for implementation of the Projects, as may be authorized by the Competent Authority <del>Government of Assam from time to time;</del>
d. to undertake innovative initiatives in areas related to Projects, as stated in the relevant Project Reports or as recommended by the Review/Technical Missions of the Project Funding Agencies or as may be directed by the Govt of Assam;	d. No change
e. to create technical, administrative and other posts considered necessary for implementation of the individual Projects in the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) of the ARIAS Society, and to retain such posts in the PCU and to make payments for the same pursuant to provisions in this regard in the Rules of Business of ARIAS Society. The creation of such posts, however shall be as per stipulations of the Project Report of each individual Project, and such Project Reports duly approved by the Government of Assam	e. to create technical, administrative and other <del>posts</del> positions considered necessary for implementation of the individual Projects <del>in the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) of taken up by the</del> ARIAS Society, and to retain such <del>posts in the PCU positions and to appoint or employ temporarily to engage any person</del> <del>any person and persons</del> <del>and to pay them, for services rendered to the Society such salaries, wages, as may be defined in the HR policy and to introduce and implement welfare schemes, for the benefit of such persons, as the Society may in this behalf determine. Pursuant to provisions in this regard in the Rules of Business of ARIAS Society. The creation of such posts, however shall be as per stipulations of the Project Report of each individual Project, and as such Project Reports duly approved by the Government of Assam</del>
f. to make rules and regulations and Bye laws, not inconsistent with the Memorandum of Association in conduct of activities of the ARIAS Society and its affiliates;	f. No change
g. to accept grants of money , securities of property and to undertake and accept management of any endowment consistent with the object of the individual Projects;	g. to accept grants-in-aid, <del>of money</del> financial securities, <del>of property</del> professional fee, any other income from consultancy services rendered, etc. and to undertake and accept management of any endowment consistent with the object of the individual Projects implemented or the services provided by ARIAS Society;
h. to prepare annual reports, monthly, quarterly and annual accounts of ARIAS Society;	h. No change
i. to purchase, hire, dispose through formal auction, take on lease, exchange or otherwise acquire property both movable and immovable, in pursuance of objectives of individual Projects and that of ARIAS Society;	i. No change
j. to commit expenditure as received from Government or any other source in pursuance of individual Projects and that of ARIAS Society objectives; and	j. No change

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k. to take all such actions, including those not mentioned above, as may be necessary for or incidental to the achievements of development objectives of Projects and that of ARIAS Society.	k. No change
	l. to create units, committees, sub-committees and bodies as considered m. necessary to execute and perform activities for achievement of development objectives of the Projects n. to construct or alter office building which may be necessary for the Society; o. to create competencies for project preparation, implementation and management, for externally financed/aided projects or other projects of Central/State government or public sector organizations.
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