

PROCEEDING OF THE STATE LEVEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON NATIONAL MISSION ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (NMSA), ASSAM

DATE : 3rd March, 2016
TIME : 2.00 P.M
VENUE : CONFERENCE HALL OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY,
AGRICULTURE & APC, GOVT. OF ASSAM, BLOCK- C, DISPUR,
GUWAHATI-6

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl. No	Name	Designation	Remarks
1	Sri V.B. Pyarelal, IAS	Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture & APC, Govt. Of Assam	Chairman
2	Sri Amlan Baruah IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt of Assam	Member
3	Dr. Kabindra Barkakati	Director of Agriculture, Assam	Member Secretary
4	Sri T. D. Hanse	Adviser, Horticulture & FP, Assam	Spl. Invitee
5	Sri P. K. Hazarika	Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam	Co-Member Secretary
6	Sri N. K. Brahma	Addl. Director of Agriculture, & CEO, ASFAC	Spl. Invitee
7	Sri T K Baruah	Chief Engineer (Agri), Assam	Member
8	Dr. Sarat Saikia	Chief Scientist, HRS, Kahikuchi, AAU	Member
9	Dr. B. Kalita	Nodal Officer, Organic Farming	Spl. Invitee
10	Dr. P. K. Mahanta	Dy. Director of Agriculture (Hort)	Spl. Invitee
11	Sri Khagendra Sarma	SDAO (Hort.)	In Attendance
12	Md. A. B. Chaudhury	Sr. ADO, Directorate of Agriculture, Assam	In Attendance

The State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) meeting of National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) was held under the Chairmanship of Sri V. B. Pyarelal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam on 3rd March, 2016 at 2.00 PM in the Office Chamber, Additional Chief Secretary & APC, CM Block, 3rd Floor, Dispur, Guwahati to discuss the matter relating to Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NE Region in the State of Assam.

On request from the Chair, Sri P. K. Hazarika, Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam and the Co-Member Secretary of State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) explained the objectives of the meeting. The committee discussed the Agenda items as below:

Agenda Item No. 1: Discussion on the "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NER": Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare & Co-operation, New Delhi has launched a new project under the title of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NER" to be implemented during the 12th five year plan period. The scheme is under "National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture" (NMSA). Govt of India requested the Department of Agriculture to submit the Annual Action Plan. As most of the activities comes under Horticulture sector it was decided to initiate the Mission by the Director of Horticulture, Assam and accordingly, Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam, submitted the proposal to Govt of India. Ministry of Agriculture, considered the proposal with modification and the proposal is to be approved by the State Level Executive Committee meeting. As the scheme is under NMSA, the SLEC of NMSA will Act as SLEC of the Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NER for the State of Assam.

The SLEC has approved the proposal and decided to Act as SLEC of the "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NER" for the state of Assam.

Agenda Item No: 2: Discussion and Placement of Proposal of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NER" for the State of Assam: Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam informed that a project proposal amounting Rs 116.43 Crore for three years was submitted to the Govt of India, Ministry of Agriculture for the project of Mission Organic Value Chain Development as below:

2015-16 (Rs in crore)	2016-17	2017-18
Rs 35.74125	Rs 46.24125	Rs 34.4475

It was also informed that, out of Rs 35.74125 for the financial year 2015-16, Govt of India has examined the proposal and instead of considering all the components, few components were considered amounting of Rs 11.7442 Crore. The project proposal for the state of Assam, which has been examined by Govt of India for the year 2015-16 as per approved guideline, with physical & financial targets was placed for approval. The committee discussed and advised to give thrust on Organic vegetable production and to modify the plan at Component No A 1.1 as below:

1. Vegetable : 5000 ha
2. Fruits and Spices: 2000 ha instead of turmeric 2500 ha, Ginger 2500 ha or Birds Eye chilly 2000 ha.

With inclusion of the above crops the Committee has approved the Annual Action Plan of Mission Organic Value Chain Development for NER for the State of Assam during the year 2015-16 and requested Director of Horticulture, FP Assam to forward the Approved Action Plan to Govt of India.

Agenda Item No. 3: Discussion on State Lead Agency: As per guideline of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in NER" : Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that as per Guide line, a dedicated State Lead Agency under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner is to be notified or created for effective implementation of the Mission objectives in the form of "**Assam Organic Mission**". The State Lead Agency will be the sole responsible body for effective implementation of the Mission objectives, judicious utilization of sanctioned fund. The fund upon approval will be released in instalments directly to the state lead Agency as per authorization of SLEC. As there is need of time for creation of **Assam Organic Mission**, Director of Horticulture & FP Assam, proposed to notify "**Assam Small Farmers Agri- Business Consortium (ASFAC)**" as State Lead Agency till creation of Assam Organic Mission.

The Committee has approved the proposal and decided to notify "**Assam Small Farmers Agri- Business Consortium**" (ASFAC) as State Lead Agency for the Mission. In this regard it was resolved that ASFAC will open as separate Bank Account for the Mission.

Agenda Item No. 4: Implementation of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development" : The Committee decided that, on receipt of the fund from Govt of India, the Director of Horticulture along with the State lead Agency will initiate all the formalities like floating of EoI/ Tender etc for implementation of the Programme .

Agenda Item No. 5: Discussing the any other items, the Committee resolved as below:

1. In the light of the guideline of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development" Govt of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare will issue a specific intimation to Government of Assam in regards to Direct Fund Flow to the State Leading Agency from Govt of India.
2. All the existing Organic Farming programmes running under Directorate of Agriculture, Assam are to be implemented through the Directorate of Horticulture & FP, Assam, considering covering of major crops under Horticulture and to avoid duplicacy at the time of implementation.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(V. B. Pyarelal, IAS)
 Additional Chief Secretary & APC
 Chairman, State Level Executive Committee (SLEC),
 Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)