

Minutes of State Level Monitoring Committee meeting held at the Chamber of Commissioner (Agriculture), Govt. of Assam on 18-08-2016

The State Level Monitoring Committee of the Coconut Development Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Amlan Baruah, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam at his office chamber on 18-08-2016 at 3.30 PM. Shri P. R. Gharphalia, Joint Secretary, Agriculture Department, Shri L. Obed, Director, CDB, Dr. Rajat Kr. Pal, Deputy Director, CDB, Shri Sree Kumar Poduwal, Processing Engineer, CDB, RO-Guwahati, Dr. A. K. Gogoi, Officer i/c, CPCRI, Dr. J. C. Nath, Principal Scientist, HRS and Shri G. K. Hazarika, DDA (H), Directorate of Horticulture & Food Processing Industries and other officials attended the meeting.

Following points were discussed :

1. **State Level Administrative approval for CDB schemes for the year 2016-17 :** The Chairman of the meeting opined that the schemes taken up for implementation by the CDB for which approval of State Level Monitoring Committee is sought should have been discussed by the committee before they were sent for administrative approval by the CDB. The Chairman emphasized on joint effort with Directorate of Horticulture and Coconut Development Board for successful implementation of CDB schemes. He also mentioned about need to involve local ADOs and Technical person from KVK/HRS for monitoring of CBD schemes. This year's CDB schemes amounting Rs. 62.55 lakhs is accorded State level administrative approval for 2016-17.

Action : Director, CDB

2. **Submission of list of beneficiaries under LODP for SC/ST :** It was informed that an amount of Rs. 175.00 Lakhs is earmarked for implementation of LODP scheme in an area of 1000 ha under SCSP and TSP during the year 2016-17. State level Administrative approval is required for release of fund to the State Government. DDA of Horticulture informed that Directorate had already communicated the proposal to the DAOs of all districts of Assam for submission of list of SC/ST farmers under his jurisdiction. They had not received any communication till date. Deputy Director, CDB informed that Board will release fund under SCSP and TSP directly to the State Government after receiving State Level Administrative approval. The Chairman urged the DDA, Horticulture and FP to take immediate necessary action to finalize the beneficiary list. He pointed out that the beneficiary farmers should be clearly explained about their role in the project without which the purpose of the project will be defeated if the farmer leaves it midway. As such sensitisation of farmers is very crucial for successful implementation of the scheme.

Action : Director, CDB./Director, Horticulture & F.P.

3. It was also discussed about the pending utilization certificates of fund released during the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2011-13. The DDA, Horticulture and F.P. sought some time to clear the issue.

Action : DDA, Horti. and F.P.

4. No decision could be taken by the Monitoring Committee on the progress of the project "Establishment of Coconut Industry and Coconut Development in Assam" as the same has to be approved by the Coconut Development Agency and minute of its first meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016 has not be communicated yet.

Action : Department of Agriculture

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5. Since the scheme Friends of Coconut Tree (FoCT), is proposed to be implemented in five major coconut producing districts (Nagaon, Barpeta, Sonitpur, Nalbari and Kamrup) in the state through convergence with NRLM, the matter needs to be discussed with NRLM as well.
6. The meeting also discussed about the coconut plantation and processing in Ashok paper Mill, Jogighopa. The meeting requested the CDB to take the project as area expansion project.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks

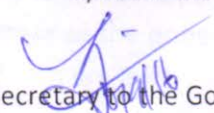
Sd/- (Amlan Baruah, IAS)  
Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department  
&  
Chairman,  
State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC)  
of Coconut Development Board.

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Dated Dispur, the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

1. The Regional Director, Coconut Development Board, VI Floor, Housefed Complex, Wireless Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati – 6 for information.
2. The Deputy Director, Coconut Development Board, VI Floor, Housefed Complex, Wireless Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati – 6 for information.
3. The Director, Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati – 22.
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5. The Scientist i/c, Central Plantation Crops Research, Institute, Research Centre, Kahikuchi, Guwahati – 781017.
6. Dr. J. C. Nath, Principal Scientist, Horticultural Research Station, Assam Agricultural University, Kalukuchi, Guwahati – 781017.
7. P.S. to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department for kind appraisal of the Commissioner & Secretary.

By order etc.,

  
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Agriculture Department.