

**PROCEEDING OF STATE LEVEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SLEC) MEETING
OF NATIONAL MISSION ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (NMSA)
HELD ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2016 FOR DISCUSSION ON MISSION
ORGANIC VALUE CHAIN (MOV) IN ASSAM**

DATE : 20TH DECEMBER, 2016
TIME : 4.00 P.M
VENUE : CONFERENCE HALL OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY,
 AGRICULTURE & APC, GOVT. OF ASSAM, 'D' BLOCK, DISPUR,
 GUWAHATI-06

Members Present :

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Sri K K Mittal, IAS	Addl. Chief secretary & APC & Chairman, SLEC, NMSA
2	Sri Amlan Baruah, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture, Assam
3	Mrs S. I. Rashid, IAS	Secretary, Agriculture, Assam
4	Mrs. Juri Phukan IAS	Director & Secretary of Agriculture, Assam
5	Sri Prabin Kr. Hazarika	Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam
6	Dr G N Hazarika	OSD to VC, AAU
5	Sri Manjeet Talukdar	Chief Executive Officer, ASFAC
6	Sri Ashok Sarmah	Executive Engineer (Agri)
7	Dr P C Das	Joint Director Veterinary, Assam
8	Dr. Pranab Kr. Mahanta	Deputy Director of Agriculture (Hort)
9	Sri Ghana Kt Hazarika	Deputy Director of Agriculture (Hort)
10	Dr P Patar	Deputy Director of Veterinary, Assam
11	Sri Pritam Baruah	Asst Director of Agriculture, ASFAC
12	Sri Khagendra Sarmah	SDAO (Horticulture)

The State Level executive Committee meeting of National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) to review implementation of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in Assam" was held in the Office Chamber of Additional Chief Secretary & APC, Government of Assam, Dispur, on 20th December 2016 under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief secretary & APC, Agriculture department, Assam.

The Chairman welcomed all the members present and requested the Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam to brief the objectives of the meeting.

The committee reviewed the proceeding of last SLEC and confirmed the Action taken reports submitted by the Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam.

Agenda Item No-1 : "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in Assam":
 During the Discussion on the status of implementation of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in Assam " Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that activities under on farm & Off-farm input production are going on in the

selected clusters. Work order has already been issued for construction of 5000 vermi compost as per estimate prepared at HQ. The committee requested the Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam to speed up the implementation of the on farm components and upon completion of the infrastructures, to release the fund directly to the beneficiaries by way of DBT.

Regarding the Off farm inputs like Azadaractin, Bio fertilizers and Soil enriched Bio-care, PROM etc. as these inputs are not readily available at the field level, the proposal submitted by Director of Horticulture for purchase these inputs from Assam Seed Corporation Ltd. based on their e-tender observing the formalities including making the payment to Assam Seed Corporation through DBT.

Regarding supply of Seeds of Red rice to the farmers in Dhemaji and Majuli districts, and Pine apple in Cachar district, the committee approved the proposal of local seed/planting material procurement by the farmers through local ASC or the approved dealers and advised to look into the matter that the source of seeds are being Organic one. Similarly, the proposal for Ginger, Turmeric etc. was also approved by the committee to arrange through ASC based on their e-tender process. In case of vegetables; it was decided that only the non treated seeds of vegetables to be arranged. It was resolved that due preference on Organic Source and non-treated seeds of improved varieties are to be given while arranging the seeds/ planting materials under MOVCD.

Agenda Item No. 2: Discussion on Proposal for fund release under MOVCD during the Year 2016-17: Govt. of India released an amount of Rs 2439.30 lakh for 2015-16, out of which 2nd SLEC has approved an amount of Rs 1634.30 lakh against which provisional UC has been submitted for an amount Rs 1448.10 lakh. The fund release proposal for remaining amount of Rs. 805.00 lakh against the components as shown below for implementation in the selected FPOs was discussed and approved by the committee.

Component	Provision (Rs. Lakhs)	Allocation during 2015-16	
		Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)
Assistance for setting up of input delivery, distribution and agri-machinery custom hiring centre	10.00 lakh/FPC	10 FPO	30.00
Support and extension services for training, handholding and certification at production stage through hiring of service providers.	3000 for 1 st yr	5000 ha	160.00
Setting up of functional infrastructure for collection, aggregation and grading units @ Rs. 11.25 lakh/unit	11.25/ unit	-	46.25
Financial assistance for setting up of	0.0	-	297.13

integrated processing unitst			
Integrated pack house	37.50/ unit	2 unit	75.00
Transportation/ 4 wheeler	6/unit	1 unit	6.00
Refrigerated transport vehicle	18.75/ FPC unit	2	37.50
Pre-cooling/ cold stores/ ripening chambers.	18.75/ unit	2	37.50
Branding, labeling, packaging, publicity and certification of processing units etc (LS)			35.00
Seminars/ conferences, workshops, Buyer-seller meets,		-	13.00
Consumer awareness Information dissemination through publicity, printed literature films and local advertisements (L.S.)	200.00 LS for all NE States	-	13.00
Hiring of space in prime markets (L.S.) This activity shall include hiring of space in prime markets of major cities on temporary basis for time to time promotion of products, or on for long term lease for opening of retail outlets.	200.00 LS for all NE States	-	20.00
Staff, Manpower, Travel and contingencies, Institutional strengthening and hire/ purchase of machinery and equipments (5% of total project proposal) only for hired staff on contractual basis co-terminus to project period	One time assistance	-	34.62
	Total -		805.00

It was advised by the Committee to send the fund release proposal to the Govt of India for the financial year 2016-17, so that the implementation can be done within the financial year.

Agenda Item No:3 : Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that upon approval of Govt of Assam, a team of Officers headed by DDA (Hort) and organic entrepreneurs attended the Bio Fach in Delhi during November 2016. There is a provision of Rs 3.00 lakh in the AAP to attend the Bio Fach; out of which the total expenditure incurred Rs 2.6 lakh. The committee approved the fund release proposal of Rs 2.6 lakh submitted by the Director of Horticulture.

Agenda Item No: 4: Discussion of the Proposal submitted by Spice Board:

Director of Horticulture informed that Spice Board has submitted the proposal for implementation of MOVCD scheme. The committee discussed the matter and requested Director of Horticulture to engage Spice Board in branding, processing & marketing of spice crops under MOVCD Schemes, if their proposal is found to be feasible one. Spice Board has also submitted proposal for 4-5 new clusters,

and the committee requested Director of Horticulture to submit the proposal to Govt of India for consideration and additional funding if agreed..

Agenda Item No: 6: Discussion on formation of Assam Organic Mission:

The Committee discussed the matter regarding formation of Assam Organic Mission. The committee allows Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam to initiate work for formation of Organic Mission in the light of other NE states.

Agenda Item No: 7: Discussion on creation of Organic Certification Body at State level:

Director of Horticulture informed that Govt. of India has allotted an amount of Rs. 50.00 lakh for the year 2016-17 under MOVDC for setting up of organic certification body at State level. The committee requested to develop modalities for creation of Organic certification Body in consultation with APEDA with learning experience of Sikkim. If the process of setting up new certification body takes time an alternative process like engagement of 3rd party for certification through RI to be arranged.

Agenda Item No: 8: Engagement of Consultant and DEO :

The Committee discussed the matter regarding engagement of Contractual staff like consultant and Data entry Operator under MOVCD. Regarding engagement of consultant , the committee advised the Director to arrange for selection of consultant ,following MOVCD guideline.

Regarding engagement of DEO, the Director of Horticulture & FP informed that Mrs. Sarjeeta Baruah who was engaged as Data Entry operator under HMNEH is presently looking after the data entry activities of MOVCD. Director of Horticulture & FP informed that the service period of Mrs Sarjeeta Baruah is going to be expired on 3rd January 2017. It was proposed by the Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam, to engage her in MOVCD as DEO, temporarily for a period of 11 months, at a monthly salary of Rs. 12000/. The Committee approved the proposal.

Others

Discussing the other items, the Committee requested the Director of Horticulture Assam to submit a proposal to open a Paddy procurement centre at Majuli particularly for Red rice, as 70 % of Red rice is coming from Majuli to Dhemaji and such arrangement will benefit the farming community.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-

Sri K K Mittal , IAS
Additional Chief Secretary & APC
Cum Chairman, SLEC, NMSA