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**PROCEEDING OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> STATE LEVEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON  
MISSION FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE (MIDH), ASSAM**

**DATE : 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015**  
**TIME : 3.00 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 T. D. Hanse	Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam	Member Secy.
3	Dr. Kabindra Barkakati	Director of Agriculture, Assam	Member
4	Dr. G. N. Hazarika	Director of Research, AAU	Member
5	Dr. Sarat Saikia	Chief Scientist , HRS, Kahikuchi	Member
6	Sri L.N. Mahanta, ACS	Managing Director , ASC Ltd.	Member
7	Sri P. Baruah, ACS	Chief Executive Officer , ASAMB	Member
8	Sri P.K. Saikia	Addl. Director, Industries & Commerce and Mission Director, NMFP	Member
9	Dr. B. Kalita	Joint Director of Agriculture (Hort)	Spl. Invitee
10	Sri G. K. Hazarika	Asstt. Director of Agriculture (Hort)	Spl. Invitee
10	Sri B. K. Borgohain	Sr. Financial Adviser, Agril. Department	Spl. Invitee
11	Sri A. Saikia	Finance & Accounts officer, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam	Spl. Invitee
12	Sri Khagendra Sarmah	SDAO(Hort)	In attendance
13	Sri Nripen Chandra Das	Sr. ADO (Hort)	In attendance
14	Mrs. D. Shebang	Manager(VA), ASFAC	Representative, ASFAC

The 1<sup>st</sup> State Level Executive Committee meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Sri V.B.Pyarelal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Govt. Of Assam on 11th June 2015 at 3.00 p.m in the Conference hall of Additional chief secretary & APC, CM Block 3rd Floor, Dispur.

On request from the Chair Sri T.D. Hanse , Director of Horticulture & Food Processing , Assam and the Member Secretary of State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) explained the objectives of the meeting. It was stated by the Director of Horticulture & FP Assam that Govt. of Assam has reconstituted the SLEC vide Notification No: HFPD.14/2014/6 Dated 9th September 2014 as per guideline of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) as earlier the name was State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) under HMNEH guideline. He also informed that the main objective of the meeting is to review the progress of HMNEH under MIDH 2014-15 and to discuss various issues relating to implementation of the HMNEH Scheme including the approval of Annual Action Plan of 2015-16 as per agenda note of the SLEC meeting.

Reviewing the proceeding of the last State Level Steering Committee meeting the Chairman requested the Member Secretary to place the Agenda Items and to explain the Action taken report of last State Level Steering Committee meeting under HMNEH. The meeting accepted the action taken report placed by the Member secretary.

During the Discussion on the Agenda Item No: 2.(I) on Progress of HMNEH 2014-15, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that Govt. of India has allotted an amount of Rs 48.00 Crores for implementation of HMNEH scheme as per approved action plan and out of which an amount of Rs. 1862.63 Lakh has been released as 1<sup>st</sup> installment which have already been implemented in different districts against which inputs have been arranged from the HQ from L1 accredited Nurseries through NIT and approved by state level Departmental Purchased Committee (DPC) headed by Secretary Agriculture, Govt. of Assam.

It was suggested by the Chairman that as the keeping quality of Strawberry is very poor hence proper post harvest technology should be developed by the Assam Agriculture University. Moreover it was advised by the Chairman that while introducing the innovative crops it should be kept in mind by the department that farmers must get appropriate market linkage. Similar action may be taken up by Assam Agriculture University (AAU), Jorhat, Assam.

It was also discussed in the meeting that as the keeping quality of Malbhog banana is better than the TC Banana variety G-9, TC Banana seedling Var: Malbhog should be made available for the farmers. The Department and AAU should take initiative to produce required quantities of Malbhog Tissue Culture Banana seedling in the State.

It was suggested by the Committee to maintain the beneficiary list of different components by the District Agril. Officer at District Level which have been implemented during the year 2014-15, so that the state Monitoring & Evaluation Committee may verify it during field visit in different district.

Considering Farmers' demand the Committee suggested to consider some other varieties of onion like N-53, Globe, Pusa Red etc. besides Agri-Found Light Red Variety. In this connection the AAU is requested to suggest some tested variety and to recommend for Assam climate.

Discussing the floriculture components, it was suggested by the Committee to develop Technologies by the AAU to preserve the bulb of Lillium and to report for necessary action.

During the discussion on Agenda Item No: 2.(II), it was informed by the Director of Horticulture & Food Processing that Govt. of India allotted an amount of Rs. 1045.89 lakh as the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment for implementation HMNEH Scheme 2014-15 at 100% Govt of India fund sharing pattern. As the fund was released on 31st March 2015, the components could not be implemented during 2014-15. However, Govt of India has revalidated the amount and as such the following components which were approved by the Govt. of India which have been proposed for implementation during the financial year 2015-16, from the Head Quarter like 2014-15 considering the closure of Bank Account of respective District Agricultural Officers. The Committee approved as below:

Sl. No.	Component	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Green House Structure / Naturally ventilated system i. Tubular Structure	429.05
2	Plastic Tunnel	150.00
3	Anti Bird/Anti Hail Nets	26.25
4	Creation of Water Resources Water Harvesting System for individuals/for storage of Water in 20m x 20x3m with plastic pond lining in plain areas	241.26
5	Rejuvenation/replacement of senile plantation including Canopy management. Mango, Litchi, Orange, etc.	60.00
6	Mission Management State & Districts Mission Offices and implementing agencies for administrative expenses, project, preparation, computerization, contingency, etc.	50.00
7	Seminars, conferences, workshops, exhibitions, Kisan Mela, Horticulture shows, Honey festivals, etc.	
	A. International level	7.50
	B. State level	9.00
8	Information dissemination through publicity, printed literature, etc. and local advertisements	40.00
9	Technical Support Group (TSG) at State Level for hiring experts/staff, studies, monitoring & concurrent evaluation/evaluation, mass media, publicity, video conference etc.	32.83
	<b>Total Amount Rs.</b>	<b>1045.89</b>

On the request of the members of the Committee, the Director of Horticulture also placed the sub component of Mission Management as below which was approved by the Committee.

Sl No	Item of expenditure	Amount ( Rs. in lakh)
1	Payment to the data entry operators	2.80
2	Payment to the JE	1.80
3	Internet Connection at HQ	0.50
3	Purchasing of Laptop, Hard ware & Soft Ware, projector, digital camera, etc.	4.00
4	Stationery	2.00
5	Travelling allowances for attending meeting in Delhi and outside the State	17.50
6	District Mission Management	13.00
7	Hiring of vehicles for monitoring and field visit	3.40
8	Consultancy services, AAP, etc.	1.50
9	Hospitality of visitors/ meeting	1.50
10	Other maintenance expenditure of Mission Office	2.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50.00</b>

- Discussing Agenda Item No: 2. (III) on the approved Annual Action Plan of 2015-16 and timeline of implementation by the Director of Horticulture & FP Assam from the Head Quarter as per approved rate of Departmental Purchase Committee and it was also informed that the Annual Action Plan was approved by the Chairman SLEC as well as by the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture which was prepared for an amount of Rs **58.65** crore on the basis of 100 % central assistance. Subsequently, Govt of India has accorded allocation of Rs. 30.50 Crores out of Rs. **61.00** crore on **50:50** sharing pattern and requested to include the component of R&D. As such the AAP has been prepared at **Annexure-I** for Rs. 61.00 Crores which is approved by the Committee.
- The Committee discussed the Agenda Item No: 2.(IV) on Centre of Excellence (Veg), Barama, Nagaon and engagement of consultant for preparation of DPR and technical guidance. It was informed by the Director of Horticulture & FP that a Centre of Excellence (Veg) at Departmental farm Barama in Nagaon district has been included in the AAP 2015-16 with involvement of Rs. 10.00 crores in two phases @ Rs 5.00 crore each. For 2015-16 Rs. 5.00 crores has been allotted and approved by the committee. For preparation of DPR and to have technical advice it has been proposed to engage a consultant /Firm having knowledge on hi-tech horticultural activities. The consultant should have international reputation and experience of working in India in general and in NER in particular. The consultant/Firm will be selected by floating EOI/Tender etc. The Committee approved the proposal and advised Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam to go ahead for floating of Expression of Interest (EoI) and allowed to engage a consultant to L1 Firm or individual Consultant having experience on Hi-tech Horticulture. Further the DPR has to be completed within August, 2015 and the operation of the project should start from Sept,2015 and by the end of Dec./15 the project for 1<sup>st</sup> phase should be completed for Rs 500.00 lakh ( Five crore).
- During the Discussion on the Agenda Item No: 2.(V) on DPR of Centre of Excellence, Citrus, Bamunigaon Director of Horticulture & Food Processing Assam informed that the DPR of CoE, Citrus, Bamunigaon was modified in the light of the CoE, Sirsa, Haryana which is to be implemented at Bamunigaon, Boko in Kamrup District under HMNEH 2013-14 for an of Rs 500.00 lakh (Five crore). Now, the DPR has been prepared by the individual Consultant with Technical Sanction accorded by the Chief Engineer (Agri) of Agriculture Department which is approved by the SLEC. Abstract of project cost of the DPR is placed as below which has been approved by the Committee and advised to implement the project immediately and to complete within October, 2015 so that the operation of the project could be started from December, 2015.

**Estimated Project Cost of – Centre of Excellence (Citrus) - Engineering Items**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Item of Cost</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. in Lakh)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Administrative Building	43.89	Based on plinth Area rate
2	Training Hall	15.02	Do
3	Farm Manager Quarter	8.76	Do
4	Field Asst Quarter	5.62	Do
5	Chowkidar quarter	3.21	Do
6	Black To Raod	44.80	Approach road plus part of internal Road = 560 mt
7	Boundary wall repairing	12.90	716.45 RM
8	Boundary wall- new construction	77.34	805.46 RM
9	Main gate	8.00	
10	Building for micro Irrigation Automation	10.00	Assam type building of about 100 sq mt having lower finishing specification
11	Security post near main gate	2.00	Do ( size 5.58 sq mt)
12	Watch tower in orchard area	3.00	On staging near boundary wall
13	Tubular Truss structures open shed, Generator shed and other shed	7.00	Tubular Truss structure with CGI roofing
14	Insect proof net houses	81.00	@ Rs 13.50 lakh for each net house of 2000 sq mt
15	Water harvesting structure	12.00	Improvement of existing water body by deepening and lining works
16	Vermi Compost / FYM unit	4.00	
17	Diesel Generator set	9.00	82.50 KVA water cooled 3 phase DG set
18	Transformer	4.00	150 KVA 11/0.433 KV 3 phase 3 star
19	Electrification	6.00	Out door lighting, electrification for insect proof net houses, over head line from nearest source of electrical power panel board and other items, ASEB Deposit
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>357.54</b>	

### Estimated Project cost – Centre of Excellence – Non Engineering Items

Sl. No.	Item of Cost	Rs. in Lakh	Remarks
1	Micro-Irrigation System Including Bore Wells Storage Tank Underground Pipeline MIS for Insect proof Net Houses.	20.00	The work will be offered to the empanelled parties listed under Micro-Irrigation Project of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) at L1 rate.
2	Fertigation System (Automatic)	25.00	
3	Tractor – 1 No.	7.00	Director of Horticulture & FP Assam may purchase item No 3 & 4 at the approved rate of Agriculture department and for item No -5 quotation may be collected from authorized dealer and to settle the rate as per procedure.
4	Power Tiller – 2 Nos.	5.00	
5	Functional Vehicle with carrier- 1 No.	8.00	
6	Small Implements – L.S.	2.00	
7	Root Stock – 90,000 Nos.	12.00	
8	Mother Plants – 4,000 Nos.	8.00	Purchase will be done as per DPC approved rate.
9	Development of Field Orchard – 10 Ha	20.00	
10	Transportation, Travel Expenses & Related Expenses	10.00	Work will be done as per approved plan & estimate.
11	Recurring Expenses for 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	15.00	Expenditure will be made as per guideline
12	Cost of Preparation of DPR	3.00	Work will be done as per approved plan & estimate
13	Other Items of Expenses	7.46	As per EoI L-1 bidder
	<b>SUB-TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>142.46</b>	Expenditure will be made as per guideline

While discussed the Agenda Item No: 2.(VI) on of proposal against the amount available at Assam Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (ASFAC) Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam informed that there is an amount of Rs 474.39778 in ASFAC Society's Account against the fund released for HMNEH as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 against the following components:

Sl. No	Components	Phy (Ha/No)	Fin (lakh)	Name of the District/ Implementing Agency
1	Information dissemination through publicity, literature & Adv	-	16.00	Director of Horticulture & FP Assam
2	State level Seminar/ Conference / workshop/Mela	5 No.	15.00	Director of Horticulture & FP Assam
3	Public sector Nursery	6 No.	150.00	Citrus Orchard TSK -1
				Maniarkhal PO -1
				Habigaon PO -1
				Krishnai PO -1
				Kathiatoli PO-1
4	Pvt. sector Nursery Big	7 No.	87.50	Barbarijhar PO-1
				DAO Nagaon-2 nos
				DAO Kamrup(M)-1 no
				DAO Cachar-1 nos
				DAO Golaghat-1 no
5	Protected Cultivation	10 No.	24.4	DAO Karbi Anglong-1 no
				DAO Lakhimpur-1 no
				Sonitpur- 2
				Golaghat- 2
				Jorhat-2
6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Maintenance (Committed liabilities of 2012-13)			
A	Assam lemon HDP	637 Ha	76.44	Sonitpur-87ha, Nalbari-100 Baska-100 Karbianglong-150 Kamrup-100 Goalpara-100
B	Plastic Mulching (Assam lemon)	637 Ha	105.05	Convergence with Assam lemon HDP at 6.A
	<b>Total -</b>		<b>474.39</b>	

The Committee approved the component and allowed to implement the works by Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam during 2015-16 from HQ as per Guideline and as per approved L1 rate of Departmental Purchase Committee.

The Committee discussed the Agenda Item No: 2.(VII) regarding retention of HMNEH fund of 2013-14 by the Mission Director of MIDH who is also the Director of Horticulture & FP Assam for smooth utilisation of HMNEH project as the fund was drawn directly from Govt of India through Assam Small Farmers Agri- Business Consortium (ASFAC). The projects are Centre of Excellence Khetri, Centre of Excellence Boko and Model Floriculture Unit at Sarutari farm under implementation on Turnkey basis and will be handed over within December 2015. It was informed by the Director of Horticulture & FP Assam that Govt of India vide letter No: F.No 18-33/2014-NHM Dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015,

requested to maintain a S/B Account for the on going Scheme under HMNEH instead of Current Account. The Chairman advised to take up the matter with the appropriate authority to maintain such Account till December, 2015. It was also suggested by the Committee to expedite for utilizing the entire fund within December 2015.

The Committee reviewed the need and performance of the Data entry Operators and the Junior Engineer engaged for day to day work and as the earlier engagement period of these contractual persons were over it was decided to extend their service for another 11 months and approved accordingly.

The Committee discussed the Agenda Item No: 2.(IX) regarding the proposal for engagement of skilled labour in Byarnihat departmental farm, Panjabari farm and Centre of Excellence Khetri. It was informed by the Officials of Directorate of Horticulture & FP Assam that these centres/Farms need manpower to run these projects in a self sustainable manner. To avoid the crisis of skilled man power, there is a need to place at least 2 trained Malis in each farm/centre. In this regard, it is advised by the Committee the Malis will have to be selected from the trained persons who have undergone one month training at HRS, Kahikuchi organised by EGM, HRS and Directorate of Horticulture. The Malis will be engaged in different Farm/ Centres as shown below;

<b>Name of the Farm/ Centre</b>	<b>Number of Mali required</b>
Byarnihat Departmental farm	2 (two)
Panjabari Farm/ Flower market	2 (two)
CoE, Khetri	2 (two)
<b>Total -</b>	<b>6 (Six)</b>

- The committee approved to engage these six Malis and their rate of wages will be determined as per wages rate of labour department for skill manpower.
- It was informed by the Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam that there was an allocation of One Model Floriculture Unit under HMNEH 2013-14 which was allotted to Horticulture Research Station, Kahikuchi under AAU and accordingly the fund was kept at Directorate of Horticulture Assam. The Committee advised to release the amount of Rs 100.00 lakh to AAU immediately for implementation of the component of Model Floriculture Unit at Kahikuchi by AAU as per Guideline laid down under HMNEH.
- Discussing the other related matters of AAU the Committee approved the proposal placed by the Director of Research and Chief scientist HRS Kahikuchi for interchanging of minor components of Public sector Big Nursery allotted during 2012-13 by the Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam.
- Discussing the 'Any Other Items' of the agenda, the Committee approved engaging of one Horticulture Consultant specially for Floriculture for HQ and 10 (ten) number Data entry Operators for different districts in phased manner on need basis during 2015-16. It was advised by the committee to engage the consultant who is



having experience in the field of floriculture and Data Entry Operators based on their skill on Computer application, in a transparent manner. In this connection Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam may float an advertisement for walk-in Interview for selection through a selection Committee. The engagement may be done on merit basis and the remuneration of Horticulture consultant and Data Entry Operator should be as per the guidelines of MIDH.

- Director of Horticulture & FP Assam placed the proposal of fixing the sale price of different saplings/planting materials produced in the departmental farms. The Committee approved the rate based on the rate of Assam Seed Corporation Ltd.

Sl. No.	Name of Plant	Variety	Rate in (Rs. per Plant)
1.	Litchi (Layering)	Tezpur, Seedless, Bombaya	90.00
2.	Guwava (Graft)	Sardar, Lalit, L-49	75.00
3.	Assam Lemon	Layering, Bud-Cutting, Poly Bag	30.00
4.	Assam Lemon	Seedless	50.00
5.	Mango (Graft)	Amrapalli, Subarnarekha, Lengra etc.	80.00
6.	Fycus Big Size	Poted	700.00
7.	Zenado	Poted	250.00
8.	Orange Budded	Khasi Mandarin, Poly Bag	60.00
9.	Mosambi	Budded, Poly Bag	60.00
10.	Papaya Seedling	Hybrid	20.00
11.	Orchid (Cut Flower)	A Grad-10-12 flower	10.00
12.	Orchid (Cut Flower)	B Grad-6-8 flower	8.00
13.	Orchid (Cut Flower)	A + 10 and above	12.00
14.	Drashina	Poted	150.00
15.	Rough Lemon	Seedling (Root Stock)	7.00
16.	Areca Plam	Poted	150.00

Further the Committee approved to deposit the sale proceeds to ASFAC Account as done earlier.

Among the other items, the Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam discussed the project proposal of "Axom Frozen and Freeze Drying Pvt. Ltd." to set up food processing unit in Guwahati. It was informed by the officials of Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam that the

project was approved by 15<sup>th</sup> SLSC held on 27.02.2013 which was under consideration at MOFPI New Delhi. As the Annual Action Plan of 2015-16 was already approved and communicated to Govt of India, hence it was decided to request for additional allocation subject to receipt of state share.

The meeting ended with thanks from the Chair.

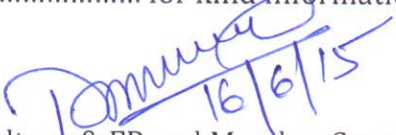
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(V.B.Pyarelal, IAS)  
Additional Chief Secretary & APC  
Chairman, State Level Executive Committee (SLEC)

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1. The P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind information of Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture.
2. The P.S. to the Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind information of Secretary.
3. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat-13 for his kind information.
4. Member concerned ..... for kind information


  
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