

**PROCEEDING OF THE 5th STATE LEVEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON
MISSION FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE (MIDH), ASSAM**

DATE : 7th September, 2016
TIME : 3.00 P.M
VENUE : CONFERENCE HALL OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY,
AGRICULTURE & APC, GOVT. OF ASSAM, BLOCK- D,
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl. No	Name	Designation	Remarks
1	Sri Amlan Baruah IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam	Member
2	Sri Prabin Kr. Hazarika	Director of Horticulture & FP Assam	Member Secretary
3	Sri K. K. Choudhury	Chief Engineer, Agril. Deptt.	Member
4	Sri P. N. Das, ACS	Chief Executive Officer , ASAMB	Member
5	Dr. Sarat Saikia	Chief Scientist, HRS, Kahikuchi	Member
6	Sri. A. K. Sarma	Executive Engineer, Agril. Deptt.	Spl. Invitee
7	Md. Bulbul Hussain	Executive Engineer, ASAMB	Spl. Invitee
8	Sri Pritam Baruah	Manager, AS AFC	Representative ASFAC
9	Dr. P. K. Mahanta	Dy. Director of Agriculture (Hort)	Spl. Invitee
10	Sri Khagendra Sarmah	SDAO(Hort)	In attendance
11	Sri Nripen Chandra Das	Sr. ADO (Hort)	In attendance

Additional Chief Secretary & APC, Chairman of SLEC of MIDH, authorized Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture to hold the 5th SLEC meeting for his emergency visit to Majuli in Jorhat district.

The 5th State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Sri Amlan Baruah, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam on 7th September, 2016 at 3.00 pm in the Office Chamber, Additional Chief Secretary & APC, D Block, 1st Floor, Dispur, Guwahati.

On request from the Chair, Sri P. K. Hazarika, Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam and the Member Secretary of State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) explained the objectives of the meeting. While reviewed the proceeding of the 4th SLEC, Sri P. K. Hazarika, Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam presented the action taken report of the last proceeding, which was accepted by the committee.

The committee discussed the Agenda Item No 2 regarding the proposal for Implementation of 1st phase of HMNEH Scheme 2016-17, the Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam informed that Government of India accorded Administrative Approval of Rs. 3111.00 lakh with 90:10 sharing pattern and sanctioned an amount of Rs 1200.00 lakh (Twelve crore) as 1st installment of HMNEH, 2016-17. Besides, an amount of

Rs. 100.00 lakh (One crore) has also been earmarked in the Annual Budget of 2016-17 as state share of MIDH. The committee discussed the Approved Annual Action Plan of 2016-17 and the components to be prioritized for implementation during 1st phase are shown at **Table-1**.

TABLE-1
COMPONENTS PLACED FOR DISCUSSION TO IMPLEMENT DURING 1ST PHASE
UNDER HMNEH,2016-17 OUT OF TOTAL APPROVED ITEMS BY GOVT. OF INDIA FOR
Rs. 12.00 CRORE (GoI SHARE) AND Rs. 1.00 CRORE (State share).

Sl. No.	Item	Rate of assistance (lakh per Ha/No.)	1 st Phase Priority Basis		GoI share received as 1 ST phase and to be sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)	State Govt. Share received and to be sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
			Physical (Ha/Unit)	Total amount received as GoI share & State Govt. share (Rs. in lakh)		
1	Nursery (Small)	7.50000	5	37.50	37.50	
2	Strawberry without integration	0.62500	100	62.50	56.25	6.25
3	TC Banana without integration	0.46875	150	70.3125	63.28125	7.03125
4	Papaya without integration	0.22500	200	45.00	40.50	4.50
5	Assam Lemon without integration	0.30000	160	48.00	43.20	4.80
6	Water Melon/Hybrid Vegetable	0.25000	250	62.50	56.25	6.25
7	Onion	0.15000	150	22.50	20.25	2.25
8	Black Pepper	0.25000	150	37.50	33.75	3.75
9	Cut Flower	0.50000	25	12.50	11.25	1.25
10	Bulbus	0.75000	25	18.75	16.875	1.875
11	Loose Flower	0.20000	50	10.00	9.00	1.00
12	Rejuvenation					
	a. Citrus	0.20000	50	10.00	9.00	1.00
	b. Canopy Management - Litchi	0.20000	50	10.00	9.00	1.00
13	Water Harvesting Tank/Pond Lining (No.)	0.75000	70	52.50	47.25	5.25
14	Green House Tuber Structure 500 Sqm @ 1060/- Sqm each	6.95000	10	69.50	62.55	6.95
15	Shade Net House 500 sqm. (Tubler Structure) No.	2.04000	10	20.40	18.36	2.04
16	Plastic Mulching (ha)	0.18400	150	27.60	24.84	2.76
17	Plastic Tunnel (200 sqm.)	0.00075	20000	15.00	13.50	1.50
18	Anti Bird Net (sqm.)	0.00018	50000	9.00	8.10	0.90
19	Planting Material - Vegetable for Poly House 500 sqm. (Seed purchase)	0.70000	30	21.00	18.90	2.10

20	Orchid & Anthuium 500 sqm. (planting material purchase)	3.50000	15	52.50	47.25	5.25
21	Rose 500 sqm. (planting material purchase)	2.13000	15	31.95	28.755	3.195
22	Power Tiller	0.75000	100	75.00	67.50	7.50
23	Power operated Sprayer	0.03800	500	19.00	17.10	1.90
24	Knapsack sprayer	0.00600	2000	12.00	10.80	1.20
25	Study Tour to progressive state	0.25000	20	5.00	4.50	0.50
26	Training/study tour of Officers outside India	6.00000	7	42.00	37.80	4.20
27	Refer Van	13.00000	2	26.00	23.40	2.60
28	Pack House	2.00000	25	45.00	45.00	0
29	Primary Processing Unit	10.00000	2	18.00	18.00	0
30	Ripening Chamber (20MT)	10.00000	10	90.00	90.00	0
31	Static/Mobile Vending Cart	0.15000	40	6.00	5.40	0.60
32	Mission Management			60.1675	59.82575	0.34175
33	Information dissemination	0.40000		20.00	20.00	0
34	T.S.G. (Technical Support Group)			32.75	32.75	0
1st Year Maintenance						
35	Papaya	0.15000	180	27.00	24.30	2.70
36	Assam Lemon	0.10000	358	35.83	32.247	3.583
37	Passion Fruit	0.15000	50	7.50	6.75	0.75
38	Guava	0.12000	90	10.80	9.72	1.08
2nd Year Maintenance						
39	Assam Lemon	0.10000	50	5.00	4.50	0.50
40	Litchi	0.12000	50	6.00	5.40	0.60
41	Orange	0.12000	87	10.44	9.396	1.044
GRAND TOTAL				1300.00	1200.00	100.00

The committee discussed the R&D proposal submitted by AAU and observed that there are eight sub projects, amounting Rs 235.00 lakh, out of which an amount of Rs 100.00 lakh has been approved by Govt of India for 2016-17. Discussing the sub project on Organic Horticulture, Chairman advised that since there are few major ongoing Organic projects like PKVY, MOVCDNER, RKVY etc., R&D proposals in regards of Organic farming should be brought under Organic Mission, instead of MIDH. Further, he suggested that sub projects like large scale generation of virus free citrus /mandarin shoot grafting are to be linked up with newly created Centre of Excellence (Citrus), Bamunigaon, Boko by the AAU.

Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam informed that for implementation of R&D proposal the fund is to be handed over to AAU under the sub Head of Account of Grants - In -Aid (GIA), but the entire amount of MIDH has been earmarked against the sub -Head of Account of 19- Material supply in the printed state Budget of 2016-17. The committee suggested to submit a proposal for re-appropriation of budget head of the state and to make arrangement to include the R&D proposal of AAU in the 2nd installment of MIDH.

Chairman of 5th SLEC advised that utmost care should be taken to select proper beneficiaries of Water harvesting structure, pond lining, Green houses and Nursery etc. so that actual and needy horticulturists may get the benefits for further enhancement of their farm activities.

Agenda Item No. 3; The committee discussed the on Project based proposals. Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam informed that two proposals for setting up of Food Processing Unit were received, one for setting up of Spice Park at IID Centre, Koliabhomora in Nagaon district by Amalgamated Plantation Pvt. Ltd. and another from Sigma Spice Industries Pvt. Ltd. for Spice Processing at Chaygaon in Kamrup district. Regarding the proposal of Amalgamated Plantation Pvt. Ltd., Empowered Monitoring Committee (EMC) of MIDH, Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has cleared the project proposals for setting up of Spice Park at Kaliabhomora, Nagaon district, subject to condition that the fund to be released upon satisfactory report of Joint Inspection Team (JIT). The report of JIT is yet to be received. However, a team of officers headed by Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam visited the unit on 25-07-2016 and found that primary processing of spices through trial run has already been done though commercial operation is yet to start..

The Sigma Spice Industries Pvt. Ltd. has submitted the DPR for setting up of Spice Plant at ASIDC, Food Processing Park, Chaygaon in Kamrup District. On receipt of the DPR a team of officers headed by Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam visited the plant and observed the progress of work. The Committee discussed the project based proposal and approved in principle both the proposal as below and requested Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam to submit to Govt of India for sanctioning the projects. The abstract of the projects are shown below which was approved by SLEC.

Project submitted by	Total Project Cost	Promoters Contribution	Term Loan	Admissible Project Cost	Subsidy approved under MIDH
Amalgamated Plantation Pvt. Ltd.	1411.06 lakh	450.00 lakh	961.00 lakh	800.00 lakh	400.00 lakh
Sigma Spice Industries Pvt. Ltd.	1556.40 lakh	706.40 lakh	850.00 lakh	800.00 lakh	400.00 lakh

Agenda Item No: 4 : On implementation of HMNEH Scheme and implementation of DBT in Horticulture Scheme. Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam informed that Govt. of India has given thrust on implementation of DBT in Horticulture Scheme and release of subsidy directly to the beneficiary account. Accordingly, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam has directed the concerned District Officer to collect the beneficiary data base with bank account No. & IFSC code, so that arrangement may be made for implementation of DBT. A team of officers attended the video conferencing with Director of Horticulture, Govt. of India on 26-08-2016 and it was learned that the DBT has been relaxed and the digitalized beneficiary data base is to be maintained in the HORTNET. Accordingly, arrangement has been made to maintain the digitalized beneficiary database. However, DBT will be implemented for the components wherever it is possible.

The Committee decided to wait for further instruction from Govt of India, as Govt. of India has organized a Video conference on 16-09-2016 for detail discussion on the procedure on DBT in Horticulture Schemes.

Agenda Item No. 5 : On formation of Technical Committee, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that several Hi-tech activities have been undertaken in Horticulture sector. For proper technical guidance for sustainability of the projects, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam feels that a Technical Team at HQ level is to be notified. The committee approved the proposal and agreed to constitute a committee with the following members as shown below:

1. Chief Scientist, Horticulture Research Station, Kahikuchi
2. Chief Engineer (Agri), Assam, Khanapara,
3. Principal Scientist,(Horticulture) ICAR, Barapani
4. Representative from NABARD
5. Deputy Director of Agriculture (Horticulture)

The mandate of the committee will inter alia, include:

i. Standard Operating Procedures: The committee will develop the SOP for CoE Khetri , CoE Bamunigaon, 'V' Type Nursery, Model Floriculture Unit and verify of its execution time to time with a feed back to Govt.

ii. Operational aspect : Well defined Calendar of activities including training on Hi-Tech Horticulture at CoE Khetri , CoE Bamunigaon, V Type nursery, Model Floriculture Unit should be prepared for smooth run of the centres.

iii. Self sustainability : Necessary steps to be taken so as to make the centres self sustainable.

Discussion on other business:

1. Proposal of CoE Horticulture, BTC : Director of Horticulture informed that a proposal for setting up CoE Horticulture was submitted by BTC for inclusion in the AAP of HMNEH. But as the Annual Action Plan for the year 2016-17 for the state, was already submitted to GOI, the proposal could not be included in the action plan. The committee decided to forward the proposal to GOI for consideration against additional funding.

2. Study tour Outside India : It was informed in the meeting that ICC has submitted a proposal for attending SIAL in Paris etc. tentatively during 16th -20th October, 2016. It has also been requested that the team be led by Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Assam. Accordingly, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam has submitted a proposal showing the fund provision in the Approved Action Plan of MIDH, 2016-17 against the component of "Study tour outside India" with total budget provision of Rs. 42.00 lakh specified as project based activity. The Committee approved the proposal for study tour outside India comprising Additional Chief Secretary & APC, Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture, Assam headed by Minister of Agriculture, Horticulture & FP, Assam to visit to Paris for attending SIAL 2016 to gather the experience on development of food Processing sector.

3. Engagement of 4(four) Horticultural Assistant : Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that there is provision of engagement of Horticultural Asst. under the component of Technical Support Group (TSG) in the AAP of 2016-17. Considering the need of

Technical Manpower to run the infrastructures created under HMNEH like CoE Khetri, MFU, Sarutari, CoE (Citrus), there is need of at least 4 (four) Nos. of Horticultural Assistant with minimum qualification of B. Sc. (Agri) with specialization in Horticulture. The committee approved the proposal for engagement of four Horticulture Assistant through walk-in- interview.

Place of engagement	Number
CoE, Khetri	1
CoE (Citrus), Bamunigaon	2
Model Floriculture Unit	1

Discussing the shortage of technical manpower in Engineering wing of Agriculture, the committee decided that the service of the existing JE under contractual engagement at Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam will be utilized in office of the Chief Engineer (Agri) as and when required for assisting in implementation of Horticultural schemes.

4. Extension of service of Sri Bhadreswar Patgiri, Horticulture Assistant. : To complete the work done by Sri Bhadreswar Patgiri, in connection with creation of separate Horticulture department, the service of Sri Patgiri, Horticulture Assistant who was engaged on contractual basis is decided for extension till October 2016, which was expired on 10th August, 2016.

5. Engagement of Malis : Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that there is need of man power to look after day to day activities in different infrastructures created under Horticulture sector like COE, Khetri, COE Citrus, Bamunigaon, Model Floriculture unit, Departmental Farm Byrnihat , Horticulture Growth Centre etc.

The Committee discussed and felt the need of manpower in the rank of Mali and decided to engage 10 (Ten) Malis from the panel of selected list of Mali in order of merit which is having validity till December 2016, as per provision of programme guidelines.

Director Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that Sri Ratul Borah and Sri Kukheswar Nath were engaged as semi skill labour in the Horticultural Growth Centre, Khanapara since its inception, who are rendering service till now in the Growth Centre. The Committee approved the proposal to continue the engagement of Sri Ratul Bora and Sri Kukhaswar Nath as semi skill labour on actual need basis and to pay wages as per existing Govt. Rules /Guidelines.

The meeting ended with thanks from the Chair.

Sd/-


(Amlan Baruah, IAS)
 Commissioner & Secretary,
 Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam
 Chairman, 5th State Level Executive Committee (SLEC),
 Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

Memo No. Hort. FP/SLEC/2014-15/64-A

Dated: 17th September, 2016

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1. The P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary & APC.
2. The P.S. to the Joint Secretary (MIDH), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 for kind appraisal of Joint Secretary (MIDH), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India.
3. The P.S. to the Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind appraisal of Commissioner & Secretary.
4. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat-13 for his kind appraisal of Vice Chancellor, AAU.
5. Member concerned for kind information



Director of Horticulture & FP and Member Secretary
State Level Executive Committee on MIDH
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The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture etc., Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind appraisal of Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture etc., Assam.


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