

**PROCEEDING OF THE 6th STATE LEVEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON
MISSION FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE (MIDH), ASSAM**

DATE : 3rd April, 2017
TIME : 4.00 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 K. K. Mittal, IAS	Additional Chief Secretary & APC, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam	Chairperson
2	Sri Amlan Baruah IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam	Member
3	Smt. S. I. Rashid IAS	Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam	Member
4	Sri Manash Nath, ACS	Joint Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam & Managing Director, Assam Seed Corporation Ltd.	Member
5	Sri Prabin Kr. Hazarika	Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam	Member Secretary
6	Sri K. K. Choudhury	Chief Engineer, Agril. Deptt.	Member
7	Sri G. N. Hazarika	Director of Research (Agri), AAU, Jorhat	Member
8	Dr. Sarat Saikia	Chief Scientist, HRS, Kahikuchi	Member
9	Sri Bidyut Ch. Deka	Director, ICAR - ATARI	Member
10	Sri Pritam Baruah	Astt. Director of Agriculture (ASAFAC)	Representative ASFAC
11	Dr. P. K. Mahanta	Dy. Director of Agriculture (Hort)	Spl. Invitee
12	Sri Khagendra Sarmah	SDAO(Hort)	In attendance
13	Sri Nripen Chandra Das	Sr. ADO (Hort)	In attendance

The 6th State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) meeting of MIDH was held under the Chairmanship of Sri K. K. Mittal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary & APC, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam on 3rd April, 2017 at 4.00 PM in the Office Chamber of the Additional Chief Secretary & APC, Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department, 'D' Block, 1st Floor, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati-06.

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 reviewing the proceeding of the 5th 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 and Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam explained in details about the physical and financial progress of implementation of HMNEH under MIDH during the financial year 2016-17. It was informed by the Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam that during the financial year 2016-17 the allotted fund was utilized and the physical and financial progress has been made accordingly. The committee advised to upload the physical and financial progress on the Hortnet.

Regarding the amount of Rs 1000.00 lakh received at the fag end of the financial year 2016-17 vide Govt of India letter No: F.No-40-25/2009-Hort.TM Dated 30th March, 2017, the Committee requested Director of Horticulture & FP Assam to submit the sanction proposal to Assam Government immediately so that the process of implementation can be completed within 1st quarter of the financial year 2017-18. To avoid delay in implementation, it was advised by the Committee to move for sanction from the available state budget without awaiting for SD proposal. However, the SD proposal will be moved as and when required.

Discussing the Agenda Item No. 3 : On Annual Action Plan 2017-18, the committee approved the Annual Action Plan, 2017-18 for an amount of Rs. 3596.40 lakh with Rs. 3294.36 lakh as GoI Share and Rs. 366.04 lakh as State Share. Besides the spillover amount of Rs. 1000.00 lakh is also included in the Annual Action Plan of 2017-18 which is approved for onward submission to Govt. of India. The abstract of the AAP of 2017-18 is finalized as shown below:

Financial Year	AAP Prepared (Rs. in lakh)	
	GoI Share	State Share
2017-18	3294.36	366.04
2016-17 (spill over)	1023.30222	111.11
Total	4317.66222	477.15

The detail of the Annual Action Plan, 2017-18 is at *Annexure-I*.

The Committee discussed the matter regarding extension of service of data entry operator & junior engineer. Director of Horticulture & FP Assam informed that two data entry operators were engaged in the Directorate of Horticulture & FP Assam for updating reports of HMNEH and other schemes and one Junior Engineer to supervise the ongoing civil works during the year 2013-14. The time line of these contractual engagements has already been over. Considering the present work load, they were asked to continue their services. The committee allowed extension of service of these staff for another 11 (Eleven) months.

Besides, as Data Entry Operator & Junior Engineer have been paid Rs. 12000.00 and Rs. 15000.00 respectively per month, these contractual staff have filed petition for enhancement of their salary. Director Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that considering their work load and experience, their salary may be enhanced. The committee discussed the matter and decided to enhance the salary of these two Data Entry Operator from Rs 12,000.00 to Rs 15,000.00 and salary of JE from Rs 15,000.00 to Rs 18,000.00 per month.

Proposal for consideration of services of Sri Kosheswar Nath and Sri Ratul Bora who are working as semi skilled labour on contractual basis to upgrade as skill labour was approved as they have required experience and certificate in their respective field.

Discussing the matter on extension of service of data entry operator & malis, Director of Horticulture informed that services of the Horticulture Consultant and 9 (nine) Data Entry Operators who were working in the TC culture lab were discontinued vide this Directorate Notice : Hort.FP/04/320/DEO/Mali/15-16/125/Dtd 30.12.2016. Similarly, services of 8 (eight) malis were also discontinued vide Hort.FP/04/320/DEO/Mali/15-16/125/Dtd 30.12.2016, but in the interest of public service, Malis were asked to continue

their services in different farms like Sarutari, Byarnihat, CoE Khetri & Bamunigaon, "V" Type nursery at Ulubari.

The committee discussed the matter and allowed Director Horticulture & FP, Assam to make a proper assessment of requirement of manpower particularly for Data entry operator. It was also advised that the Data Entry Operators should exclusively engaged for computer work and they should express their willingness to work as Data Entry Operators. A fresh Agreement is also to be signed that they would follow the terms and condition as sought by Director of Horticulture. As the malis were asked to continue their service, the committee allowed to continue their service from their date of termination maintaining a required gap as per procedure.

Discussing the matter on fund release proposal to spice processing units, the committee advised that after release of 1st installment to the Spice Processing units set up by M/s. Amalgamated Plantation Pvt. Ltd. at IID centre, Kaliabhomora in Nagaon district and M/s. Sigma Spice Industries Pvt. Ltd. at Chaygaon Food Processing Park in Kamrup District, proper monitoring to be done by the Department for its functioning and only after visit of Joint Inspection Team and upon full functioning of these units the 2nd installment to be released with due approval of the SLEC. While releasing the fund as Bank linkage back ended subsidy the fund release procedure of MIDH guideline is to be followed properly.

Regarding the matter on M/s. Dey,s Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. Vill. : Patel Nagar, P.O.: Kanishail, Dist. : Karimganj, Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that the prop. Mr. Dipak Dey submitted a petition that a cold storage project was set up under HMNEH 2010. The project was set up by NHB under HMNEH. The committee advised to take up the matter with NHB and to expedite to release the fund upon completion of the locking period, subject to proper functioning of the cold storage project.

Discussing the matter on participation in North East India - Bangladesh Exam
Conclàve the committee approved the proposal submitted by Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam and allowed to release Rs. 3.84381 lakh against the valid expenditure and to make available the fund from spill over amount of 2016-17.

Discussing the matter on Post Harvest Management infrastructures, Director of Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam informed that for DBT of Post harvest infrastructure like pack house, as simple process is to be developed to speed up the

process. The committee discussed the matter and requested Director of Horticulture to communicate with the Chief Engineer (Agri) well in advance so that Technical sanction, estimate etc can be completed in time.

Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that there is provision under MIDH and other Horticulture Schemes like MOVCD, to participate in the National level exhibition/show. The committee advised to identify 3-4 FPO/Growers Society who are working successfully in selected district to participate in such exhibition/show. Director of Horticulture & FP, Assam informed that successful FPO's and Ginfed will be suitable for participation in such event.

Discussing the matter of Research & Development the committee decided that :

- In view of State's thrust on establishing the Apple Ber as potential crop for strengthening farmers economy, the proposal for implementing the programme of Front Line Demonstration in the AAP of 2017-18, AAU/ KVK will be engaged after receiving the fund from Govt of India.
- In order to promote State's effort on production of quality planting material for expansion of Horticulture in Assam, the proposal for setting up a Small Nursery (1 Ha.) was approved for implementation at HRS, AAU, Kahikuchi, Guwahati which will focus on generation of quality planting material of Apple Ber as per National protocols and Standards for fruit planting material production.
- On the proposal for setting up Tissue Culture unit, it was suggested by the Chairman to explore the possibility of running the existing TC lab under Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing, Assam in Public - Public- Partnership mode involving Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing, Assam and Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat. The Tissue culture lab may be utilized for large scale generation of quality planting material of Bhutjalakia, Banana, Orchid etc.
- Considering the demand of quality spawn for mushroom cultivation in the State, the proposals for a Mushroom Spawn Making Unit was approved for setting up at HRS, AAU, Kahikuchi, Guwahati.

Discussing on any other items: the committee discussed the proposal of CoE submitted by BTC. Director of Horticulture informed that Govt of India has decided not to

entertain any proposal of CoE until the existing CoE all over India are made self sustainable. Hence, the committee advised to communicate the decision of the Govt of India to BTC.

The meeting ended with thanks from the Chair.

Sd/-

(Kamal K. Mittal, IAS)

Additional Chief Secretary,

Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam

Chairman, State Level Executive Committee (SLEC),

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

Memo No. Hort. FP/4/SLEC/2014-15/95-A

Dated : 18-04-2017

Copy to :

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, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001 for kind appraisal of Joint Secretary (MIDH), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India.
3. The P.S. to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind appraisal of Commissioner & Secretary.
4. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Assam Agriculture 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
Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22

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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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