

**Minutes of the meeting to review the Annual Action Plan 2012-13 pertaining to National Horticulture Mission (NHM) held on 30.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for National Level Agencies.**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra Joint Secretary (NHM) to discuss the Annual Action Plan (AAP) in respect of the National Level Agencies (NLAs) for the year 2012-13 under National Horticulture Mission (NHM). The list of participants is attached at Annexure.

At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to the participants. Informed that all the NLA's involved in seed/ planting material production should include in the AAP, availability of planting material with them by the month of June. Thereafter, review of AAP 2012-13 pertaining to NHM was made as follows:

**1. Directorate of Arecanut and Spices (DASD), Calicut :**

Shri Tamil Selvan, Director, DASD informed that during 2011-12 development programs worth Rs. 7.20 crore were implemented against allocation of Rs. 8.00 crore. Similar programs with enhanced targets with minor changes have been proposed for 2012-13 with an outlay of Rs. 13.00 crore. He further informed that development programmes being taken by DASD are different from the programs of Spices Board.

After discussions, a total outlay of Rs. 10.00 crore was recommended and Director DASD was asked to revise the AAP, accordingly. He was also requested to update the progress for 2011-12 on NHM Website.

**2. Directorate of Cocoa and Cashew Development (DCCD):**

Shri Venkatesh Hubballi, Director, DCCD informed that during 2011-12 the outlay approved was Rs. 19.26 crore against which funds released were Rs. 14.39 crore. An expenditure of Rs. 14.23 crore was made till February, 2012. For AAP 2012-13, the proposal was for Rs. 21.18 crore.

After the discussion, he was advised to revise the AAP with an outlay of for which Rs. 20.00 crore.

### **3. National Horticulture Research & Development Foundation (NHRDF):**

Dr. R.P. Gupta, Director, NHRDF informed that Onion, Garlic & Potato seeds were being produced by NHRDF and distributed. The States were still not procuring onion and garlic seeds from NHRDF. During 2011-12, out of a release of Rs. 9.77 crore an amount of Rs. 8.42 crore was utilized.

The total outlay proposed for 2012-13 was Rs. 7.77 crore, which was agreed to.

### **4. National Seeds Corporation (NSC) :**

Dr. Ramban, Director, NSC informed that the expected financial achievement during 2011-12 was Rs. 6.49 crore. He requested that NHM should fix the total outlay on per quintal basis instead of per hectare basis. On this, it was informed that NSC should submit their AAP including both the models i.e. per quintal as well as per hectare basis, which will be examined and decided by NHM.

For 2012-13 an outlay of Rs. 13.58 crore was proposed. He was, however, requested to revise the AAP with an outlay of Rs. 8.00 crore.

### **5. IFFCO Foundation :**

Shri Lallan Singh, Consultant, mentioned that IFFCO Foundation has taken up programmes on IFFCO Foundation production of planting material, area expansion, rejuvenation and PHM in 12 districts of U.P., 3 districts of Bihar and 1 district of Karnataka. They however, do not propose

to take up any work from 2012-13 onwards and would like to discontinue as a NLA under NHM.

The work done by IFFCO Foundation during the past four years was appreciated. It was suggested that IFFCO Foundation should now concentrate on formation of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPO) as a new intervention through NHM as they have a good number of farmers with them.

#### **6. State Farm Corporation of India (SFC):**

Shri M.N. Jha, Addl. General Manager, SFCI informed that during 2011-12 the financial achievement was Rs. 5.26 crore against the approved outlay of Rs. 6.99 crore. He further informed that they were facing problems in the sale of planting material and kinnows etc.

On this, it was suggested that SFCI should tie up with the NRC Citrus, Nagpur for production of disease free planting material. Nodal Officer, in the horticulture Division for Rajasthan state should visit farms of SFCI in Rajasthan state.

A total outlay of Rs. 8.56 crore was proposed for 2012-13. After discussions, an outlay of Rs. 6.00 crore was recommended and AGM was requested to revise the AAP, accordingly.

#### **7. National Committee on Plasticulture Application in Horticulture (NCPAH):**

Shri Krish Iyengar, JS, NCPAH informed that during 2011-12, an amount of Rs. 0.88 crore was utilized.

It was informed that NCPAH should enhance their outlay and activities by encouraging PFDC's to organize demonstrations at farmers' field. Scientists from PFDCs should also visit farmers' field periodically. With regard to the proposals for purchase of new vehicle/ hiring of vehicles, they should seek concurrence of the IFD. The proposal for engaging consultants and other

manpower should be got approved from the competent authority. NCPAH should get the manpower audit done immediately. It was also advised to have a latest study over the MI potential in different States and impact of NMMI as well. After discussion, an outlay of Rs. 6.00 crore was agreed to for 2012-13.

#### **8. National Bee Board (NBB):**

Dr. B.L. Saraswat, E.D, NBB informed that out of a total outlay of Rs. 28.86 crore approved for 2011-12 only Rs. 2.50 crore was released. Release of another Rs. 3.25 crore was not agreed to by IFD. He was requested to submit a plan indicating the work which can be taken up in NHM states, so that a suitable budget provision can be made in the AAP of the respective states. After the discussion, an outlay of Rs. 20.00 crore was recommended for 2012-13.

#### **9. National Research Centre for Citrus (NRCC) :**

Dr. Huchche, Principal Scientist, NRCC informed that the centre has supplied 5 lakh disease free planting material for citrus. He presented the financial achievements for different components during 2011-12. He also expressed that the impact of demonstrations was more pronounced than the training programmes. Accordingly, more provision has been made for demonstrations during 2012-13. The financial achievements for 2011-12 was Rs. 2.48 crore against an approved outlay of Rs. 4.20 crore.

For 2012-13 an outlay of Rs. 7.50 crore has been recommended. He was also requested to coordinate with SFCl for production of planting material of citrus in the farms belonging to SFCl in Rajasthan on which he conveyed his consent enthusiastically.

**10. Fresh and Healthy Enterprises Limited (FHEL) :**

Shri N.K. Jawa, CEO, FHEL informed that they have floated a tender for taking up the activity under cold chain based on the studies being carried out and full details will be available in a few months time. On this, the Chairman informed that, being a new NLA, they showed keep some provision for the year 2012-13. A provision of Rs. 15.00 crore was agreed to.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair with a remark that plan for other NLAs would be considered separately.

## Annexure

**List of Participants of meeting for discussing AAP for 2012-13 under NHM under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NHM) held on 30.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

No.	Name/ Designation	Office
<b>A. DAC</b>		
1.	Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2.	Shri Shailendra Kumar, Director (NHM & NMMI)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3.	Shri Om Prakash, Addl. Commissioner (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4.	Smt. Sadhna Khanna, Under Secretary (Hort.)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5.	Dr. Jose C Samual, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6.	Dr. R.C. Upadhyay, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
7.	Dr. Om Prakash, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8.	Dr.H V.L. Bathla, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
9.	Shri Prabhat Saxena, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
10	P.S. Kohli, Resource Person (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
11.	Shri Krish Iyengar, Joint Secretary	NCPAH, New Delhi.
12.	Shri Alok Mishra Sr. Project Manager	NCPAH, New Delhi.
<b>B. National Level Agencies (NLA)</b>		
1.	Shri Bijay Kumar, Managing Director	NHB, Gurgaon-122015,
2.	Dr. M. Tamil Selwan, Director	Directorate of Arecanut & Spices Development, West Hill Calicut-673005, Kerala.
3.	Venkatesh N.Hubballi, Director	Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development, Cochin,
4.	Dr. R.P.Gupta, Director	NHRDF, Nashik
5.	Dr. N.Emayava Ramban,	National Seed Corporation.

	Director	
6.	Dr. Narendra Singh, Advisor (Horticulture)	National Seed Corporation.
7.	Shri M.N. Jha, AD (GM)	SFCI
8.	N.K. Jawa, CEO	FHEL, Rai Industrial Estate
9.	Dr. A.D. Huchche, Principal Scientist (Hort.) & Coordinator	NRCC, Nagpur
10.	Dr. B.L. Saraswat, Executive Director	National Bee Board, DAC, Krishi Bhawan.
11.	Dr. Homey Cheriyan	Directorate of Arecanut & Spices Development, West Hill Calicut, Kerala.
12.	Shri V.K. Tomer, Horticulture Officer	SFCI
13.	Shri Lallan Singh, Consultant	IFFCO Foundation New Delhi.
14.	Sudhir Kumar Singh	NHRDF