

**Minutes of the meeting to review the Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2012-13 for National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) held on 27.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir and Nagaland States.**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director (NHM) on 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to review the AAP 2012-13 for NHM and NMMI Schemes in the States of Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir and Nagaland. The list of participants are **Annexed**.

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the participants. Thereafter, he requested the Mission Directors to highlight their significant achievements and the proposals for 2012-13.

**A. National Horticulture Mission**

**Maharashtra**

Shri Devanikar, Mission Director, SHM, Maharashtra presented the financial achievements during 2011-12 under NHM and Annual Action Plan 2012-13 with an outlay of Rs. 200.00 crore.

In one of the slides it was indicated that the APP for 2011-12 was revised by increasing the physical and financial targets under area expansion activity to a large extent with some increase in protected cultivation.

On this, the Chairman observed that it was high time to re-orient the focus on creating permanent infrastructure such as tissue culture labs, cold chain, market etc. which will have a long term impact. Hence, allocations for area expansion should be reduced considerably during 2012-13.

Horticulture Commissioner suggested to include the status of progeny orchards and mother blocks. This should be linked with the availability of quality planting material/seed material.

After detailed discussions, MD, SHM was requested to revise the Annual Action Plan with an allocation of Rs. 160.00 crore. More emphasis needs to be given to production of planting material, protected cultivation, rejuvenation of senile orchards, horticulture mechanization and pollination support through bee keeping, including Centre for Integrated Beekeeping Development. Necessary allocation for Indo Israel Project needs to be provided within the allocated outlay for 2012-13. A capacity of one lakh MT onion storage need to be created in the state during the current year, keeping in view a huge onion production in the state and price volatility of the crop.

On this, MD, SHM, informed that the State Marketing Board was implementing a scheme for promoting Onion storages, which did not involve credit linkage. Hence, the farmers were opting for that scheme. SHM was requested to send a proposal for waiving off credit-linked back ended subsidy on onion storages under NHM for consideration by DAC.

The following issues needs to be followed while revising the AAP 2012-13:-

1. Area expansion activity will be taken up to the extent of availability of good quality planting material. Availability and source of planting material need to be indicated.
2. The outlay on area expansion activity should be limited to 20% of the total outlay including 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year maintenance of previous years.
3. District wise data on area, production and productivity of horticultural crops since 2004-05, for each crop, should be included in the AAP for all the districts in the State. A comparison of area and production under horticulture crops between the NHM and non NHM districts should be made.
4. Plan of action for accrediting the existing nurseries should be mentioned the planting material sub plan.
5. Allocation for PFDCs will be over and above the allocation for the State. The PFDCs should ensure that on an average, 25 farmers get exposure to the

improved technologies at the PFDC in a month. Moreover, PI, PFDC should make fortnightly visits to farmers fields.

6. Provision should be made for activities, proposed to be taken up to celebrate 'Year of Horticulture 2012-13 and a calendar of events be provided.
7. SHM will arrange to operationalize the Work Flow based MIS for NHM by deploying trained manpower at the district level and State HQ.

## **B. National Mission on Micro Irrigation**

Presentations were made regarding AAP 2012-13 by the states of Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir and Nagaland. The achievements during 2011-12 were reviewed. Thereafter, the AAP of these states were discussed and the following decisions were taken:

### **1. Maharashtra:**

Shri Bankar, Director of Horticulture, Maharashtra presented the progress under 2011-12 and proposed outlay for 2012-13 under NMMI Scheme. He mentioned that the State was having backlog of about Rs. 650 crore hence higher outlay was needed during 2012-13. He also mentioned that due to limited availability of power, the farmers were using 5 HP pumps as result of which they were insisting for providing 75 MM PVC pipes, irrespective of the size of the plots.

Chairman informed that the state NMMI should first of all prepare a roadmap for clearing the huge back log on payment of subsidies.

An outlay of Rs. 250 crore was recommended on the condition that funds will be released only after the State Government provides a roadmap for clearing the back log. NCPAH will examine the matter regarding inclusion of 75 mm PVC pipes for drip irrigation and the cost implementations thereon, as per NMMI Guidelines and send its recommendation to DAC.

## **2. Jammu & Kashmir**

Shri G.H. Shah, Director (Horticulture) informed that SMIC & DMC have been constituted and bank account has also been opened. He informed that there was a need to revise the guidelines for increasing the subsidy. This was, however not agreed to.

A total outlay of Rs. 7.19 crore involving of Rs. 6.32 crore of GOI share was proposed. After detailed discussions this was limited to Rs. 4.0 crores. Chairman suggested to organize a meeting at Leh during the 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April with the help of NCPAH.

## **3. Nagaland**

The state representative informed that SMIC & DMC have been constituted and bank account has also been opened. Regarding the progress of NMMI in the state, he informed that no expenditure could be made till date. The reasons are that Rs. 1 crore was released for NMMI scheme on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 and this was because of delay in submitting the proposal by the State Government. The procedural delays like constitution of committees and opening of bank account took long time than the usual.

NCPAH was requested to organize a meeting at Dimapur inviting PFDC, Guwahati.

After detailed discussions, the state was requested to revise the Action Plan with an outlay of Rs. 4.00 crore.

While revising the AAP 2012-13 for NMMI, following aspects need to be kept in mind:-

1. The outlay for drip irrigation and micro sprinkler should be to the tune of 80% of the total outlay.
2. AAP should include the total requirement of funds covering the Horticulture and Agriculture crops.

The revised AAP in respect of NHM and NMMI Schemes will be furnished to the DAC (hard and soft copies) by the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and from the Chair.

## Annexure

**List of Participants of meeting for discussing AAP for 2012-13 under NHM and NMMI under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NHM) held on 27.03.2012 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.	Dr. Gorakh Singh, Horticulture Commissioner	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3.	Shri Shailendra Kumar, Director (NHM &NMMI)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4.	Shri Om Prakash, Addl. Commissioner (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5.	Smt. Sadhna Khanna, Under Secretary (Hort.)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6.	Shri R.R. Sharma, Assistant Director (Hort.)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
7.	Dr. Jose C Samual, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8.	Dr. R.C. Upadhyay, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
9.	Dr. Om Prakash, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
10.	Dr. V.L. Batla, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
11.	Shri Prabhat Saxena, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
12.	P.S. Kohli, Resource Person (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
13.	Shri Krish Iyengar, Joint Secretary	NCPAH, New Delhi.
14.	Shri Naresh Modi, Sr. Project Manager	NCPAH, New Delhi.
15.	Shri Alok Mishra Sr. Project Manager	NCPAH, New Delhi.
<b>B. STATES</b>		
1.	Shri Devanikar, Mission Director, SHM	Maharashtra
2.	Shri Bankar, Director of Horticulture	Maharashtra
3.	Shri K. Haral, Project Officer, SHM	Maharashtra
4.	Shri G.H. Shah Director of Horticulture	J&K

5.	Deputy Director	Nagaland
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