

Minutes of the meeting to review the Annual Action Plan 2012-13 for National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) held on 28.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for Bihar, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Uttarakhand States.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director (NHM) on 28th of March, 2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi in two sessions to review the AAP 2012-13 for NHM and NMMI Schemes in the States of Bihar, Rajasthan, Sikkim & Uttarakhand. 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

1. Bihar

Mrs. Vijay Laxmi, Secretary, Horticulture & Mission Director, SHM Bihar made a presentation duly highlighting the achievements and projected a total outlay of Rs. 142 crore for 2012-13.

On enquiry, regarding the total number of nurseries available in the state and the number of nurseries accredited so far, she mentioned that out of 240 nurseries in the State, 14 nurseries have been accredited, including 2 nurseries accredited during the year 2011-12. On this, it was pointed out that efforts should be made to get at least 10 nurseries accredited during the current year and 60% of the nurseries should be got accredited in the next two years. Only three star nurseries should qualify for supply of planting material under NHM.

It was pointed out that, while good tempo has been generated during 2011-12 in the areas of protected cultivation, it needs to be maintained during 2012-13. Due priority for creation of Market Infrastructure, Post Harvest Management and rejuvenation would also be needed. Moreover, outlay for pollination support through bee-keeping' should be increased. Beetal vine cultivation could be taken under the component "Protected Cultivation". Distribution of plastic crates should be only for Farmers Groups and not for individual farmers.

Mission Director supplemented that there has been good impact of organic farming on account of awareness among the general public on the need to consume chemical free produce. The state has taken up organic farming on a large scale and is being marketed in the brand name of "Jai Bihar". She added that, one of the farmer in Darveshpura village in Nalanda District has created a world record by harvesting 72.9 tonnes/ ha of organic potato. She also suggested the need for revising the unit cost of cultivation of some of the crops like pineapple and infrastructure like onion storages.

After detailed discussions, MD, SHM was suggested to revise the AAP 2012-13 with an outlay of Rs. 55.0 crore. It was also agreed to look into the matter relating to revision of cost norms. Mission Director was also requested to explore the possibilities of sourcing funds from the Border Area Development Programme.

2. Rajasthan

Shri Jagroop Singh, Mission Director, SHM, Rajasthan, in his presentation indicated a total outlay of Rs. 100.0 crore during 2012-13 against the expenditure of Rs. 41.06 crore till February, 2012. He explained that all new gardens through area expansion are covered with the micro irrigation also. They are exploring the possibility to have solar power for operating the micro irrigation systems. He added that there was great demand for area expansion under fruit crops, particularly in the drought prone areas, as it provided sustained income to the farmers.

After the discussions, a total outlay of Rs. 95.00 crore was agreed to and the MD, SHM was requested to revise the AAP 2012-13, accordingly.

The following issues, which are common to both the states, 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 in the revised AAP.
2. The outlay, on area expansion activity should be limited to 20% of the total outlay including 1st and 2nd year maintenance of previous years.

3. Production related activities should be confined in the ongoing approved districts and approved crops. Protected cultivation could, however, be taken up in all the districts.
4. 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.
5. Plan of action for accrediting the existing nurseries should be mentioned in the planting material sub plan.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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

1. Rajasthan

The progress of NMMI was presented by Shri Jagroop Singh, Mission Director who projected a total outlay of Rs. 190.0 crore for 2012-13. He, further, informed that funding for solar power was being provide under RKVY scheme. During the discussion, MD, SHM was requested to provide clarifications on the observations made by IFD. Thereafter, he was requested to recast the Action Plan with an outlay for Rs. 150.00 crore for 2012-13.

2. Bihar

The State Mission Director projected a outlay of Rs. 123.47 crore for 2012-13. However, in the light previous years' achievements she was requested to revise the Action Plan with an outlay of Rs. 70.00 crore.

3. Uttrakhand

Dr. B.S. Negi, Mission Director, Uttarakhand projected a total outlay of Rs. 4.96 crore. However, looking into the potential in the State, a total outlay of Rs. 6.00 crore was recommended and he was requested to revise the Action Plan accordingly.

4. Sikkim

The State representative projected a total outlay of Rs. 6.47 crore for 2012-13. In the light of discussions and previous year achievements an outlay of Rs. 6.00 crore as GOI share was recommended and he was requested to revise the Action Plan accordingly.

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 9th of April, 2012.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to 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 28.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

No.	Name/ Designation	Office
A. DAC		
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,	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

	Under Secretary (Hort.)	
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. STATES		
1.	Ms. Vijay Laxmi, Secretary Hort. & Mission Director	Bihar
2.	Dr. Jagroop Singh, Director of Horticulture & MD	Rajasthan
3.	Dr. B.S. Negi, Mission Director	Uttrakhand
4.	Director	Sikkim
5.	Sh. Shukla, Deputy Director	Bihar
6.	Shri Sitaram, Deputy Director	Rajasthan