

## **Minutes of meeting to review the progress of implementation of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) programme in Odisha held on 25.8.2011 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**

### **Preliminary**

In order to conduct an in depth review of the progress of implementation of the NHM programme in the State of Odisha, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director (NHM) on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. Gorakh Singh, Commissioner, Shri Shailendra Kumar, Director (NHM), Dr. B.S Negi, Deputy Commissioner (NHM), Officers and Chief Consultants in the Horticulture Division of DAC were also present. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Mission Director, SHM Odisha was present from State.

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman, at the outset stressed the need for the SHM to have a proper vision and road map for the development of horticulture in the State. SHM should project the contribution of horticulture in agriculture GDP of the State for pooling more resources for development of horticulture in the State. To achieve the desired results, State should have sufficient staff strength. Moreover, a cluster approach should be adopted for ensuring backward and forward linkages and convergence should be ensured with other programmes viz. RKVY, MNREGA, APEDA, MoFPI, State Plan schemes etc. He suggested that the efforts needed to be made to develop farmer groups in the identified clusters. He further mentioned that the state should make an assessment of the crop wise availability of planting material being produced and surplus through the nurseries in the public sector. The nurseries should be got accredited through NHB, so that sourcing of planting material could be done only from such accredited nurseries. He also suggested that an integrated approach needed to be followed for ensuring development horticulture in the identified clusters.

Horticulture Commissioner made a thorough review with regard to the availability and supply of quality planting material of the focus crops identified for development in the State. Review was also made regarding the progress under PHM and marketing component.

### **State Presentation**

Mission, Director and Director Horticulture, Odisha, in his presentation, informed that Orissa has 20.48% contribution from Agriculture to the State GDP, out of which 30% share comes from Horticulture. He also highlighted the efforts being made by the SHM to pool resource from Schemes of SC/ST Department, MNREGA and RKVY. He added that 2226 posts have been approved for the State, out of which, 794 are Technical posts. The Department of Horticulture is being restructured with one Junior Horticulture Officer posted in each Block. Chief Minister of Odisha has reviewed the NHM scheme twice so far. With regard to planting material, State has about 15.2 lakh extra number of mango grafts. He

provided details of availability of planting material for mango, litchi citrus and cashew. It was suggested that Odisha can supply planting material of mango to nearing States of MP, Jharkhand and Bihar. Regarding post harvest management and markets he informed that under ITDS, State is marketing produce through Farmers Associations and Cooperatives. In Bhubaneswar, it has a big Flower market and existing markets of Marketing Board have been strengthened under NHM for trading horticulture produce. He also made some suggestions for the revision in the scheme in XII Plan. SHM was informed to send the requirement of bee colonies to NBB. He also informed about launching its own website from September,2011, establishment of Project Monitoring Unit and disbursement of subsidy through transfer of money in the account of the beneficiary. Regarding National Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters he informed that Base Line Survey is in progress and will be completed by the mid of September. The area expansion programme under NVI will be taken up in Rabi season.

Based on the deliberation the following decisions emerged:

1. The State has not only become self sufficient in production of quality planting material of mango, citrus, litchi, cashew, ginger and turmeric but is also exporting quality planting material to other States. SHM, however, needs to source the planting material for area expansion under NHM through accredited nurseries. The existing nurseries in the State should be accredited through NHB.
2. For citrus, virus indexing facilities to be developed so that virus free planting material is available to the end users.
3. Electronic auction facility needs to be established in the markets and the TMC project needs to be processed on fast track.
4. Requirement of bee hives/ colonies needs to be given for Bee keeping as pollination support to the tribal and LWE districts.
5. Details of functions of AEZ, the focus crop and efforts initiated for its commissions need to be provided.
6. Status of Food Park in the state need to be provided.
7. State should arrange to upload monthly physical and financial progress of NHM at the District level on the NHM web site.
8. State needs to provide details of State share released so far during Eleventh Plan.
9. Beneficiary-wise list of SC/ST and Women Farmers covered under NHM may be provided.
10. Since large areas are being brought under horticulture crops under the NHM, SHM should keep record on the area diversified from agricultural crops to horticulture as well as areas converted from wastelands into horticulture.
11. The SHMs should maintain bench mark data as in 2004-05 about the area, production, productivity and other available important facilities at the District level.

12. SHM will identify the clusters preferably in those areas, which have been covered under the Watershed Development Programmes.
13. SHM should also conduct Impact Evaluation Study through independent organization of repute in the State and submit report to DAC.
14. The Annual Report and Success Stories to be documented by the SHM and submitted to DAC.

The meeting ended with a voted of thanks to and from the Chair and appreciated for good work being done in the State.

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**Sub: Minutes of the Meeting held on 25.8.2011 to review the implementation of National Horticulture Mission programme in Odisha- regarding**

Please find enclosed the minutes of the Meeting held on 25.8.2011 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary & Mission Director (NHM) to review the implementation of National Horticulture Mission programme in Odisha for information and necessary action.

State Horticulture Mission is requested to initiate necessary follow up action on the action points and furnish the action taken report to this Department at the earliest.

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