

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 21.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Assam States.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director (NHM) on 21st 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 Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Assam. 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. Tamil Nadu

Dr. Santosh Babu, Mission Director, SHM, Tamil Nadu made a presentation of AAP 2012-13 wherein it was indicated that due to delay in finalizing the tenders there was slow progress during the year 2011-12, which has been sorted out in the month of February, 2012 and the progress has picked up now. A total outlay of Rs.360.00 crore has been proposed for 2012-13.

It was, however, informed that, keeping in view the actual expenditure of Rs. 50.00 crore during 2011-12, the outlay for 2012-13 needs to be reduced and AAP revised accordingly. In this context, area expansion programme needs to be reduced and more focus should be given on protected cultivation along with creation of infrastructure for PHM and marketing. The amount earmarked under Mission management should not exceed 5% of the total allocation.

It was also decided that the AAP for Tamil Nadu will be discussed again for finalizing it for 2010-13 with an outlay of 60.00 crore. The PFDC plan in case of Tamil Nadu should also be revised.

2. Jharkhand

Dr. Prabhakar Singh, Mission Director, SHM Jharkhand made a detailed presentation on AAP 2012-13, with an outlay of 102.35 crore. He mentioned that Birsa Agriculture University, (BAU), Ranchi has been involve in production and supply of planting material. However, on his personal inspection he found that the University did not have the required quantity of planting material, although they were claiming to have the required quantity.

During the discussions, it was observed that the plan was much on higher side when compared to the expenditure to the tune of Rs.60.00 crore during 2011-12. There was much scope in reducing the targets under area expansion. However, area expansion of cashew in waste lands could be taken up as it will not affect normal agricultural crops. Rejuvenation target needs to be increased. Targets for PHM and marketing infrastructure should be also be increased.

Mission Director was requested to provide their reply to the observations made by the Audit Party. Moreover, SHM need to take immediate steps to fill up the vacant posts in the Department. They should also take up the matter regarding short supply of planting material with BAU, Ranchi under intimation to the DAC.

State Mission Director should arrange to reconcile the physical and financial progress data posted on NHM website immediately, for which he should depute two of his staff members to Delhi. Next release of funds to the State will be subject to carrying out the above reconciliation.

After detailed discussions, MD, SHM was requested to revise the AAP, 2012-13 within an allocation of Rs. 75.00 crore.

3. Chhattisgarh

Shri Alok Katiyar, Mission Director, Chhattisgarh presented the Annual Action Plan, 2012-13 duly highlighting the significant achievements during 2011-12. He mentioned that, as a strategy, they have been reducing the outlay under area expansion activity with more focus on protected cultivation. He also highlighted the changes in the allocation made under different components since the inception of NHM scheme in the State, which indicated that the outlay under the component of Establishment of New Gardens has been reduced from 41.4% in 2011-12 to 15% in 2012-13. While significant reduction has been made under INM/IPM, substantial increase has been proposed under Protected cultivation, Water resource development, PHM and marketing.

While the efforts being made by SHM in formulating good AAP document was appreciated, it was pointed out that during the actual implementation stage there was much variation, as the result of which AAP had to be revised by increasing the targets for area expansion activity. This has, happened during 2010-11 as well as 2011-12. Hence, SHM need to make realistic planning at the initial stage itself.

With regard to planting material, it was informed that planting material for guava was in short supply. On this it was proposed that Dr. Om Prakash, CC (NHM) and Dr. R.C. Upadhyay, CC will contact CISH, Lucknow to facilitate availability for planting material of guava for Chhattisgarh and give a report on the same.

After detailed discussions, MD, SHM was requested to revise the AAP, 2012-13 within an allocation of Rs. 125.0 crore.

PDFC component should be prepared in consultation with Director SHM and restricted to Rs. 1.00 crore, over and above the allocation of Rs.125.00 crore for the State.

The following issues, which are common to the above mentioned States needs to be kept in mind 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 AAP itself.
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. However, protected cultivation can be promoted in 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 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

Presentations were made regarding AAP 2012-13 in respect of NMMI Scheme by the Representatives from the States of Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh and Assam. Achievements during 2011-12 were reviewed and the allocations made for the year 2012-13 for drip and sprinkler irrigation, both for horticulture and agriculture crops was discussed.

It was informed that an amount of Rs. 15.00 crore was sanctioned as additional amount during March, 2012. The State needs to ensure that 80% of the amount is spent on drip irrigation / micro sprinkler and the remaining 20% on sprinkler irrigation.

1. Tamil Nadu

After the deliberations, it was decided that the Action Plan for 2012-13 need to be revised with an outlay of Rs. 90.00 crore as GOI share. With regard to cost aspect, an Officer from NCPAH will visit Tamil Nadu and prepare a model cost chart.

2. Chhattisgarh

The Action Plan for 2012-13 need to be revised with an outlay of Rs. 40.00 crore.

3. Assam

The Action Plan for 2012-13 with an outlay of Rs. 4.00 crore was agreed to. The State will send a request for release of first installment of 2011-12 within two days. A PFDC account will be opened soon. Shri Prashant Mishra will visit Assam as early as possible to help them in fine tuning the AAP 2012-13 for NMMI. A Workshop on Micro Irrigation need to be organized during the month of April, 2012.

AAP 2012-13 for NMMI should include 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 4th of April, 2012.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to 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 21.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

No.	Name/ Designation	Office
A. DAC		
1.	Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2.	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.	Shri R.R. Sharma, Assistant Director (Hort.)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6.	Dr. Jose C Samual, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
7.	Dr. R.C. Upadhyay, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8.	Dr. Om Prakash, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
9.	Dr. V.L. Batla, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
10.	Shri Prabhat Saxena, Chief Consultant (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
11.	P.S. Kohli, Resource Person (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
12.	Shri Krish Iyengar, Joint Secretary	NCPAH, New Delhi.
13.	Shri Naresh Modi, Sr. Project Manager	NCPAH, New Delhi.
15.	Shri Alok, Sr. Project Manager	NCPAH, New Delhi.
B. STATES		
1.	Shri Alok Katuyar, Mission Director	Chhattisgarh
2.	Dr. Santosh Babu, Mission Director	Tamil Nadu
3.	Deputy Director	Tamil Nadu