

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 26.03.2012 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for Gujarat and Manipur States.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director (NHM) on 26th 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 Gujarat and Manipur. 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
Gujarat**

A presentation regarding AAP 2012-13 pertaining to NHM was made by Shri Patel, Mission Director, SHM, Gujarat wherein total outlay of Rs.150.00 crores was proposed under different components of NHM against the expenditure of Rs. 72.36 crore during 2011-12 (Feb). He added that the growth in the horticulture sector was to the tune of 9%. Since the activities under protected cultivation and PHM are picking up, they would require more funds during 2011-12. He, further, added that a refrigerated vending carts has been developed locally at a cost of Rs. 37,000/per unit. The same was distributed on 23.3.2012 under the Vegetable Initiative Scheme.

Efforts made in developing the low cost vending cart by the SHM was appreciated, which was brought to the notice of Secretary (A&C) also.

MD, SHM was requested to revise the AAP 2012-13 within an outlay of Rs 125.0 crore for 2012-13. The outlay proposed for pollination through bee-keeping needs to be increased. Possibility of setting up Terminal Market need to be explored.

The following issues 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.
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 be taken up in other districts also.
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 by the representative of Gujarat Green Revaluation Company (GGRC) in the case of Gujarat State and by Deputy Director Horti., Manipur, duly highlighting the achievements during 2011-12 and the programme in case of drip and sprinkler irrigation, both for horticulture and agriculture crops. After detailed discussions the following decisions were taken:

1. Gujarat:

- (i) The Action plan needs to be revised with an outlay of Rs. 190.0 crore (GOI share) against the proposed outlay of Rs. 345 crore.

- (ii) More area under Horticulture crops need to be covered under drip irrigation.
- (iii) Matter need to be taken up by NCPAH with BIS with regard to quality aspect of drip laterals arising due to reduction of wall thickness.
- (iv) Since thickness of the laterals has been reduced, the unit price of the drip system may also get reduced. This issue need to be addressed in the guidelines.
- (v) Possibility of GGRC taking up manufacture and supply of drip system need to be explored.

2. Manipur:

- (i) Matter regarding contribution of State should be expedited. Matter will be taken up with Commissioner Horticulture, Govt. of Manipur by DAC for releasing state share.
- (ii) State Government will arrange to utilize Rs 50 lakh released during 2011-12. Outlay for 2012-13 will be of Rs.446.166 lakh, as proposed.

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 26.03.2012 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 Om Prakash, Addl. Commissioner (NHM)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3.	Smt. Sadhna Khanna, Under Secretary (Hort.)	DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4.	Shri R.R. Sharma, Assistant Director (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. V.L. Batla, 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 Naresh Modi, Sr. Project Manager	NCPAH, New Delhi.
13.	Shri Alok Mishra Sr. Project Manager	NCPAH, New Delhi.
B. STATES		
1.	Shri B.S .Patel, Director of Hort. & Mission Director	Gujarat
2.	Sh. C.M Patel, Joint Director of Horticulture	Gujarat
3.	Executive Engineer, MI	Manipur