

PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING OF STATE LEVEL SANCTIONING COMMITTEE (SLSC) OF RASHTRYA KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (RKVY) HELD ON 6.09.2013 AT 3:30 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM.

1. List of participants is given in the Annexure enclosed herewith.
2. At the outset the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman, SLSC, RKVY, Government of Mizoram welcomed all the members present in the meeting and gave a brief description on the allocation of fund under RKVY for stream-I 2013-14. The Chairman informed that during 2013-14, Rs. 59.14 crores is allocated under Normal RKVY and under Sub-Schemes; an amount of Rs. 45.96 crores is allocated.
3. On the invitation of the Chairman, SLSC, RKVY, Dr.C.Lalzarliana, Director of Agriculture (CH) & Member secretary conveyed to all the members that Shri Sarvesh Rai, Director (Trade) Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India could not attend the SLSC meeting as he missed the flight on Dt.6.9.2013.
4. Shri Manash Choudhury, Deputy Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India felt that the proportion of fund allocated to Agriculture Department (CH) is much higher than other line Departments as 57.34 % of the total fund is allocated to Agriculture Department (CH).
5. On the invitation of the Member Secretary, SLSC, RKVY, Dr.H.Saithantluanga, Deputy Director (Planning), Department of Agriculture (CH) stated that out of the Normal RKVY fund under stream-I, an amount of Rs.19.39 crores (32.78 %) is allocated which includes Rs.1.31 crores for the 2nd installment of MIFCO project and Rs.78.85 lakhs as 1% of an administrative cost. He also reported that under Sub-schemes, Rs. 4.00 crores is allocated for implementation of Rain fed Area Expansion Scheme (RADP) and Rs.28.46 crores for Oil Palm Area Expansion (OPAE). He also stated that due to the cessation of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme since April, 2013, RKVY scheme is the only source of fund from where most of the programmes which are implemented under MMA scheme have been implemented through RKVY. Thereafter, he presented different components of project proposal for Agriculture Department (CH) for 2013-14 for approval and consideration.
6. After discussions on Agenda items proposed by various implementing line Departments, the following decisions were taken:

Normal Stream-I:

Agriculture Department (CH):

- (i) Suggestions and observations made by Planning Commission, Govt. of India on programmes like Promotion of integrated pest Management, Farmers Field School, Water harvesting structures, reclamation of Acid soils, diversified farming and promotion of Sugarcane cultivation

etc. was discussed and the SLSC felt that as there is no other source of funding, the project may be approved as proposed.

(ii) Observations and comments made by Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India particularly on various programmes such as Rice Area Expansion in Hill slopes and Plains, SHDC, Enhancement of crop production through improved package of cultivation such as SRI,IPP, Improved cultivation on Hill slopes, Promotion of Integrated Pest Management, strengthening of infrastructure to promote Extension services, Agriculture Mechanization, Water harvesting and management, reclamation of acid soils, Diversified farming system, promotion of sugarcane development through area specific interventions/value addition, 2nd installment of MIFCO and provision of 1% administrative cost etc. was also discussed. As most of the estimate for different programmes are prepared based on the guideline of the existing state schemes like New Land Use Policy (NLUP), ATMA, RADP, RKVY and NFSM-Rice, all the programmes proposed by Agriculture Department (CH) costing Rs. 19.39 crores was approved. However, Shri Manash Choudhury, Deputy Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India requested the Agriculture Department(CH) to encourage formation of Farmer producer group and also to make available good agricultural practices through handbook/leaflets/pamphlets so as to educate Farmers in order to bring more crop production of the state.

AH and Veterinary Department:

AH and Veterinary Department has proposed an amount of Rs. 6.00 crores for execution of various projects. Observations and comments made by Planning Commission, Govt. of India on programmes like Purchase of Dairy Cows, introduction of improved Plastic/Iron Cast Flooring, Introduction of improved variety of piglets for replacement, training and Farmers Tour, Tripper and cutting Block, Meat and Market shed was discussed in details. The SLSC approved project proposal costing Rs. 6.00 crores subject to the condition that the different cost norms are at par with the prevailing cost norms of the Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operation, Government of India.

Dr.O.P.Misra, Deputy Director General, AHDF, Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operation, Govt. of India has suggested the Department to incorporate the names of the progeny/piglets in the shelf of projects and also to introduce third party evaluation to ensure the actual distribution of inputs to the beneficiaries for which the expenditure incurred will be met from 1 % administration cost.

The SLSC also advised the AH & Veterinary Department to avail schemes from Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) so that schemes from New Land Use Policy (NLUP), DEDS and RKVY can be converged to benefit more farmers of the state.

Horticulture Department:

Horticulture Department has submitted project proposal costing Rs. 8.10 crores for implementation of various programmes under RKVY. Observations made by Planning Commission on various programmes such as cultivation of fruit crops, cultivation of vegetable crops, cultivation of Aromatic and Medicinal Plants, Green Houses, Storage Go-downs, Portable Pack House with Cold Room and Individual Rain Water Storage tank was discussed in brief. The SLSC suggested that rate of estimate for different programmes may be recast as per the operational Guideline of National Horticulture Mission (NHM). They also suggested that cultivation of Dragon fruits and Longan fruits may be excluded from the project proposal and were advised to make more investment on infrastructural development such as post harvest. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs. 8.10 crores in principle for Horticulture Department for the year 2013-14 however, they were instructed to recast shelf of project and submit the same to the SLSC for early approval.

Soil & Water Conservation Department:

Soil and Water conservation Department has submitted project proposal amounting to Rs.4.60 crores which includes Rs.2.26 crores for the remaining IInd instalment of last year (2012-13) project and Rs.2.34 crores for 2013-14. Suggestion and observations made by Planning Commission on different programmes such as Enhancement of productivity & production projects in Aizawl Districts, Tuithil Micro-Watershed, Ngopa, Champhai district, Gabai Chhara watershed, Mamit District, Construction of water harvesting structures, reclamations of lands for Agril.purposes, improvement of degraded lands, construction of series of check dams were discussed in detailed. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs. 4.60 crores for Soil & Water Conservation Department for 2013-14 however, the SLSC has suggested the Department to ensure proper implementation of the schemes in order to avoid overlapping with various schemes.

Sericulture Department:

Sericulture Department has submitted project proposal costing Rs.3.00 crores for implementation of various schemes under RKVY for 2013-14. Several observations and comments made by Planning Commissions were discussed in detail. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs. 3.00 crore for implementation of various programmes under RKVY for 2013-14. However, the SLSC suggested the Department to encourage promotion of Muga development in the state as this component has already been identified as having a good potential in the state.

Fisheries Department:

Fisheries Department has submitted project proposal costing Rs. 3.40 crores under Normal stream-I for 2013-14. The observation made by planning commission was also discussed in details. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs.3.40 crores for enhancement of Fish production during 2013-14. However, Shri Manash Choudhury, Deputy Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India suggested the Department to make more proposal and submit

it to the NFDB, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Hyderabad, as there is fund available especially earmarked for the North East which can be availed to promote fish production in the state.

Agriculture (Research & Education):

Agriculture (Research & Education) has submitted project proposal costing Rs. 2.00 crores for implementation of various programmes. The observations and comments made by Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Govt. of India were also discussed in detail. Representative from Planning Commission has pointed out that as under Stream-I, RKVY, there is no provision for implementation of such programmes. However, owing to the lack of financial support from the state Government and also from the ICAR, the project proposal prepared for 2013-14 was approved by the SLSC in the present form. The SLSC also has advised the Department to prepare project proposal as per the Guideline of RKVY for the coming year (2014-15) to reflect more focus on production related proposal.

Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC):

Observation made towards the project proposal submitted by MADC was discussed in detail. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs. 4.20 crores for implementation of various programmes under RKVY by MADC for 2013-14.

Lai Autonomous District Council (LADC):

Observation made towards the project proposal submitted by LADC was discussed in brief. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs. 5.25 crores for implementation of various programmes under RKVY by LADC for 2013-14.

Chakma Autonomous District Council (CADC):

Several observations made by Planning commission regarding development of fish farming, area expansion of Rice, assistance for improvement of farm land, enhancement of crop production and productivity etc. were discussed in brief. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs. 3.20 crores for implementation of various programmes under RKVY in CADS areas for 2013-14.

Sub-schemes:

Oil Palm Area Expansion Scheme (OPAE):

Observation made by planning commission regarding quality planting materials was discussed and taken into account. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs.28.46 crores for OPAE which includes the remaining amount of Rs. 8.3861 crores of 2012-13 and Rs.20.072 crores for 2013-14 subject to the condition that the proposal prepared is in conformity with the cost norms of OPAE guideline. However, the SLSC has suggested that while implementing the scheme, quality planting materials should be ensured and more focused should be given for setting up of Oil Palm Mill processing plant.

RADP (Rainfed Area Development Programme)

Observation made by Planning Commission regarding RADP was discussed and taken into account. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs.4.00 crores for implementation of RADP, however SLSC has suggested the department to go through the figures in the shelf of projects.

VIUC (Vegetable Initiative in Urban Clusters)

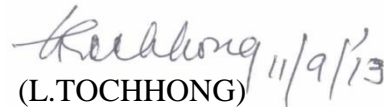
Observation made by Planning Commission regarding different programmes under VIUC was discussed. The SLSC has approved an amount of Rs.2.50 crores for implementation of different programmes under VIUC during 2013-14.

NMPS (National Mission on Protein Supplement)

- i) **AH & Veterinary Department:** Observation made by Planning Commission regarding NMPS was discussed and the SLSC has approved an amount of Rs. 5.50 crores for implementation of various programmes by AH & Vety Department. However, the department is instructed to recast the projects based on the provision of cost norms laid down under NMPS.
- ii) **Fisheries Department:** Observation made by Planning Commission regarding NMPS was discussed and the SLSC has approved an amount of RS.5.50 crores under the schemes for Fisheries Department.

Shri Manash Choudhury, Deputy Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India emphasized the importance of data entry and updating in RDMIS. He also suggested the RKVY Implementing Agencies of the state to take pro-active role while implementing RKVY scheme so that vital information are shared and distributed at grass root level.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair


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2. P.S to Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary of Agriculture, Govt. of Mizoram.
3. The P.P.S to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram for kind information.

4. The Joint Secretary (RKVY), Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, RKVY Division, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for favour of information and necessary action.
5. The Adviser(Agriculture), Planning Commission, Govt. of India, Sansad Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.
6. The Joint Secretary(Agri.), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.
7. The Director(RKVY), Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture & Cooperation), RKVY Division, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.
8. Shri Sarvesh Rai, Director (Trade & PP) for information and necessary action.
9. The P.S to Secretary of Agriculture / Horticulture / AH & Vety. / Soil & Water Conservation / Fisheries / Sericulture/Industry, Govt. of Mizoram for information and necessary action.
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11. The PS to Vice Chairman, NIB for information.
12. The Executive Member to Agriculture etc. of MADC/LADC/CADC or their representative for information and necessary action.
13. The Director of Agriculture (CH)/Agriculture (R&E)/ Horticulture / AH & Vety. / Soil & Water Conservation / Fisheries / Sericulture, Govt. of Mizoram for information and necessary action.
14. The Managing Director, MIFCO for kind information.
15. Shri Manash Choudhury, Deputy Adviser, Planning Commission, Government of India Sansad Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.
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