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From

The Agricultural Production Commissioner.

To

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Sir,

Sub: - Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana 2013-2014- First meeting of the State
Level Sanctioning Committee held on 15.04.2013 -Minutes forwarding
of-Reg.

Ref: - State Government letter of even number dated 09.04.2013.

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I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to forward herewith the minutes of the first meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee for RKVY 2013-2014 held at 10.30 am on 15.04.2013 for information.

Yours faithfully,

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Director & Ex-officio Additional Secretary
For Agricultural Production Commissioner

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**MINUTES OF THE SLSC MEETING OF RKVY HELD ON 15-04-2013 IN THE
CHIEF SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE ROOM.**

The meeting started at 10.30 am with the Chief Secretary in the chair. List of participants is attached separately (Annexure 1).

2. The Chief Secretary welcomed all the participants to the meeting. Shri.Raj Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, represented the Government of India.

3. Initiating the discussion, the APC informed that the expenditure upto the years 2011-12 was 100%. For 2012-13 it was only 55% since the funds from GoI was received in the second half of March, 2013. He further stated that by the end of April 2013, the expenditure would be substantially higher.

4. The Director PPM Cell presented the department/agency wise progress of projects from the inception of RKVY and impact of RKVY in the agriculture and allied sectors.

5. Subsequently, the new proposals for the current year were discussed one by one. List of the projects supported by the SLSC along with the comments with respect to each project are summarized in **Annexure II**.

6. The Mission Director, SHM informed that an additional project for the development of cool season vegetables in Vattavada and Kanthalloor, Idukki district needs the approval of the SLSC as second phase, since the crop cultivated during the original project period has been damaged due to severe drought. This was agreed in principle and the MD, SHM was directed to submit a DPR in the next SLSC.

The meeting was drawn to a close at 12.30 pm.

Sd/-
Chief Secretary

Annexure-I

List of Participants:

1. Sri. Raj Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation,
GoI, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
2. Sri. Subrata Biswas, Agricultural Production Commissioner
3. Sri. Rajesh Sinha, Secretary, Finance Expenditure
4. Sri. P. M. Francis, District Collector, Thrissur
5. Dr.P.V. Balachandran, Director & Ex-officio Additional Secretary , PPM Cell
6. Dr. K.G. Suma, Director, Animal Husbandry Department
7. Dr. K. Prathapan, Director, SHM- Kerala
8. Sri. C.R. Ramesh, Additional Director of Agriculture(Plg)
9. Sri. Pushpangadan. V.V, Chief Executive Officer, VFPCCK
- 10.Sri.Sharan Kumar. A.J, Managing Director, Kerala Agro Industries Corporation
- 11.Sri. P. Regi Varghese, Additional Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Dept.
- 12.Sri.P.S. Pradeep, Additional Secretary, Finance Department
- 13.Smt. K.M. Lethy, Joint Director, Fisheries
- 14.Sri. Noushad.A, Deputy Chief Engineer(i/c) KAICO
- 15.Sri. Ranjana Damodaran.T, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Kerala State Seed
Development Authority, Thrissur
- 16.Sri. Govindankutty. K.D, Co-ordinator
- 17.Smt. S. Rehna Beegum, Joint Secretary, Water Resources Department
- 18.Dr. S. Baiju, KSPDC
- 19.Sri. M.B. Ajaya Kumar, Finance Manager, KSPDC
- 20.Dr. Vinayaraj Stephen, V.S, Planning, Animal Husbandry
- 21.Smt. Sandhia.R, Deputy Director of Fisheries, ADAK

Decisions taken in the SLSC meeting

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Amount proposed in the project (Rs. in lakhs)	Comments/Observation of GoI	Remarks & decisions
1	Replacement of petty and para with energy efficient water lifting devices- Pilot project for evaluation (Total project cost for the pilot project 100 lakhs, first year cost 20 lakhs)	100.00	Under MMA Scheme there is provision of assistance @ 50 % of the cost limited to Rs. 10000/- for the pump sets up to 7.5 hp and under the NFSM there is a provision of @ 50 % of the cost limited to Rs. 10000/- for the pump sets up to 10 hp. For bigger units, norms of Ministry of Water Resources(MOWR) for LI projects need to be considered	Supported. MMA Scheme has been discontinued from 2013-14 onwards. It is a pilot scheme to find out the most appropriate dewatering device to replace the existing low efficient petty and para already in use .Hence it is supported. Chief Secretary however advised that parameters should be carefully selected for the replacement . The Dean, KCEAT, KAU/Javanmuru will carefully monitor the progress of the project with respect to the efficiency of the new system.

Annexure II

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Amount proposed in the project (Rs. in lakhs)	Comments/Observation of Gol	Remarks & decisions
2	Open Vegetable cultivation and hybrid demonstration (VFPCK)			
	a. Open cultivation	123.75	<p>i) Cost of cultivation with pandal is on the higher side. Cost of sowing, application of inputs, over and above the cost of inputs is not justifiable. ii) Construction of permanent facility in the form of pandal for use during summer months is not justifiable. Such construction may affect cultivation of regular paddy crop.</p> <p>iii) As per VIUC scheme, cost of cultivation is @ Rs. 30,000/ha for open field and @ Rs. 45,000/- ha for Hybrids is permissible. Name of vegetable proposed to be promoted needs to be mentioned.</p>	<p>Supported. The cost of pandal is worked out taking into account the higher labour cost prevailing in Kerala and the cost escalation of inputs. The cost of cultivation of Rs.30000/ha for open cultivation of VIUC will be adhered to and the assistance @75% i.e., Rs.22500/ is provided for a total area of 550 ha for both pandal and non pandal. The cost of cultivation of hybrid vegetable is Rs.45000/ha as per VIUC. But the actual cost will be much higher. Kole Land are traditionally not used for vegetable cultivation. It is for food security reason the farmers are persuaded to take up hybrid vegetable cultivation. Subsidy as per VIUC norms Rs.33750 will be followed. Pandal cultivation will be restricted to land adjoining to the Kole paddy land and it should not cause obstruction to rice farming. Total area of less than 10ha will be brought under pandal vegetable cultivation. The pandal should be used for at least one year. The Crop Varieties will be</p> <p>Cowpea- Lola, Anaswara Bitter gourd -Preethi Snake gourd- Baby Pumpkin- Ambili Ashgourd- KAU Local Salad cucumber- AAUC-2 Amaranthus- Arun, Co-1 Bhindi -Arka, Anamika Brinjal -Haritha, Surya and Swetha Hybrid varieties: Chilly, Tomato, Bhindi etc.,</p>
	b. Hybrid Cultivation	6.75		

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	Support for purchase of farm implements I. Ridge Formers II. Other Implements III. Sprayer	5.00	The division supports the proposal for procurement of equipment as per MMA norms	Supported. Procurement of equipment will be done as per the MMA norms
	Support for collection and retail outlets	15.00	Marketing	Supported.
			1. Certificate indicating that the beneficiary has not availed subsidy for the project from any other Central of State Department has not been enclosed 2. Layout plan clearly indicating infrastructure proposed and duly authenticated by competent authority is required to be submitted for consideration	Certificate will be furnished by the VFPCK Layout plan will be prepared before the implementation of the project
			3. Anticipated benefit that will flow to the farmers needs to be quantified 4. The facilities of five collection centers and outlets do not provide details of location where these facilities are required to be setup	It was explained by CEO, VFPCK that the trading of 2000 mt of produces will be done through these outlet and an income of Rs.10 cores will be reaching the farmers The places identified are Mullassery, Puzhakkal, Anthikkad, Cherpu and Chowannur for collection and retail outlets.

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			5. It is observed that the (VFPC) has also been availing assistance for development of different component of marketing infrastructure at various districts of Kerala state under NHM, AMIGS and other schemes. Hence, it may be verified that no duplication in grant of assistance take place for the same components.	It was explained by CEO, VFPC that they have not availed any subsidy for the construction of markets in kole land as the scheme is being launched for the first time.
	Support for irrigation		RFS-Under Rainfed Area Development programme (RADP), Maximum permissible limit for water lifting devices is up to Rs. 20000/- unit, of which assistance up to 50 % limited to one unit for family is supported. M&T- Support as per the MMA norms.	Supported.
	a. Pump set	7.50		Will be supported as per the MMA norms
	b. Well (Subsidy) Ranging from 10000 to 15000)	5.00	RFS-For construction of shallow tube well, the permissible limit is Rs. 30,000/- per unit, of which assistance up to 50 % limited to one unit is supported. NRM-Rs. 24120/- for construction of farm ponds (for supplementary irrigation infrastructure at farmers fields) is supported under RVP & FPR/MMA scheme. The activity proposed may therefore be considered	Will be supported as per the MMA norms

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4	<p>Scheme: Project for livestock rearing</p> <p>Duration of the Project: 3 years</p> <p>Total Project cost: Rs.600 lakh</p> <p>Funds required during 2012-13: Rs.180 lakh</p> <p>Objectives:-</p> <p>i) Induction of 4000 high yielding cows in a period of 3 years in Kole land for increasing milk production and marure production in the State. Scheme will be implemented on 50 % subsidy basis</p> <p>Fact Sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2000 beneficiaries identified * Each farmer will be supplied 2 high yielding dairy cows yielding 15 kg of milk per day. * Cows will be purchased from outside the State @ Rs. 20000 per animal * Funds for construction of shed, insurance, transportation, fodder cultivation, training and utensil included in the project cost * Proposed cost for induction of 2 high yielding milch animals is Rs 60000/cow 	180.00	<p>The project lacks merits on the following grounds:-</p> <p>i) The fodder situation in the Kole Wetland areas has not been described</p> <p>ii) Status/experience of the proposed beneficiaries in dairy keeping is obscure</p> <p>iii) State has not given details of sourcing of the animals in the project document</p> <p>iv) Area is facing severe shortage of feed and fodder. These issues are not addressed in the proposal.</p> <p>v) It may be difficult for the farmers in the Kole land area to maintain dairy animals yielding 15 kg of milk per day</p> <p>vi) Assumptions used by the State for calculation of economics are not correct</p> <p>vii) Shed for housing animals may be available with farmers therefore may not be included in calculating total cost of the project</p> <p>viii) Cost proposed for procurement of dairy cows is on lower side. This may be checked by the State officials.</p>	<p>Supported.</p> <p>i) Kole wetland is one of the rice granaries of Kerala. Since paddy is cultivated extensively when land is not submerged in water, straw is available for livestock. Legumes like Subabul can also be cultivated adjacent to paddy lands in Kole for fodder. Other fodder crops can also be cultivated along the side of paddy fields. Azolla can be promoted among farmers in Kole</p> <p>ii) Most of farmers in Kole do possess one or two cows and are already having experience in livestock rearing</p> <p>iii) The State already has standard guidelines for purchase of cows as mentioned in the Government order. This standard procedure will be followed for all projects implemented in the State.</p> <p>iv) Since paddy is cultivated during season, straw is readily available and will not cause any shortage of fodder. Besides cattle feed is also available in enough quantities in the region. Cattle feed plants both in government and private sector are present in the district where Kole Wetland is situated.</p> <p>v) Farmers in Kerala and Kole wetland already engaged in livestock rearing do possess cows which produce 10 to 15 litres of milk. Besides the district has efficient cooperative milk marketing network and Veterinary aid is available in each panchayat</p> <p>The project will be reworked as a calf rearing project as implemented under the Kuttanad/ Idukki package. Six month old female calf @ Rs. 6000/ calf will be adopted and 50% subsidy on expenses of its rearing for 2 years will be provided. The total project cost will not exceed Rs. 180 lakhs during the first year. The calves will be purchased from the progeny testing area of the Veterinary College, Mannuthy, KLDDB or any other authentic source.</p>

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5	Organic Farming in Kole Lands Compensation for yield reduction to farmers@ Rs. 10,000/ha. Assistance to organic inputs ie organic manure, bio-fertilizers etc. @ Rs. 3000/ha through e-panchayat on certification	65.00	INM Financial assistance is provided @ 50 % of cost subject to maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per hectare limited to 4 hectare per beneficiary for organic cultivation of horticultural crops under the scheme National Horticulture Mission (NHM). Hence, it may be supported. Financial assistance is being provided @ Rs. 500 per ha for promoting use of integrated Nutrient Management-Organic manures/green manures under the scheme National project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPM5HF). Hence, may be supported subject to adoption of above norms.	Supported . Financial assistance @ 50% cost limited to Rs.10000/ ha .The input assistance of Rs 3000/- per ha has already been approved by the SLSC meeting held on 10-01-2013. Thus the total assistance will be Rs.13000/ha.
6	Establishing infrastructure for seed processing, storage and seed testing facilities in Kole lands	420	Seed The grant-in-aid for creation of seed infrastructure ie seed processing and seed storage godwon is already available in seed Division under the C.S.S. Development and strengthening of seed infrastructure for production and distribution of quality seeds. Detailed proposal as per GL of the scheme may be sent to Seeds Division for	Not supported under RKVY .The cost over and above the grant-in-aid available by the seed division will be met from RIDF/NABARD.

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7	Farm Mechanization for Integrated Kole Land Development A) Machinery Input		Division supports the proposal to cover area of 100 ha with assistance up to 50 % of cost of procurement of agricultural machinery limited to Rs. 30.00 lakh for establishment of custom hiring centers	Supported. Kerala Agro Industries Corporation Limited (KAIC) is a joint venture of Government of Kerala and Government of India. Since KAICO have no working capital support from any financial institution, 100% subsidy is required for the procurement of machinery. The list of machinery supported by GoI. are given below Power tiller with attachments -200nos. @2 lakhs-Rs.400Lakhs . Tractor upto 20 - 40 PTO HP with matching implements / trailer etc - 20 nos @ Rs 8 lakhs-Rs. 160 Lakhs, Transplanters (Walk Behind Type)10 Nos @ Rs.2 lakhs- Rs.20 lakhs, Transplanters (Riding 8 row) 250nos @ Rs.1.7 lakhs -Rs 425 lakhs, Weeders (Power)- 250 Nos @Rs. 0.5 lakhs -Rs 125 lakhs, Sprayers (Power)-200 Nos @ Rs. 0.2 lakhs - Rs 40lakhs, Sprayers (backpack)600 nos @ Rs.0.025lakhs6-Rs 15 lakhs, Combine harvester -50 Nos @ Rs18 lakhs -Rs 900 lakhs, Straw balers 40 Nos @ Rs 8 lakhs - Rs 320 lakhs, Trays for nursery- 250 Nos @ Rs 0.0008 lakhs- Rs 0.20 lakhs, Laser levellers 2 Nos @ RS. 5. lakhs- Rs.10 lakhs, Irrigation pumps-15 Nos @ Rs.0.5 lakhs- Rs.7.50 lakhs. Total -Rs.2422.70 lakhs
	B) Training to operators /farmers / mechanic/ technicians/ engineering	5775.00	Division supports the proposal maximum up to Rs. 5200/- per month per farmer	Supported. Training @ Rs. 5200/- per month per farmer .

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	C) Infrastructure for Training		The Division does not support the proposal for Construction for Training Centre(6000 sq.ft)Hostel(4000 Sq.ft), Multimedia equipments for training etc and advice to explore the possibility to use the existing infrastructure for training centre	Not supported.
	D) Infrastructure for Housing Machinery		The Division does not support the proposal for Housing of machinery and other infrastructure and advice to explore the possibility to use the existing infrastructure	Not supported.
	E) Maintenance Workshop		The Division only supports the proposal for procurement cost of equipment up to maximum 50 % limited to Rs.30 lakh only for one centre	Supported. Two centres with a maximum assistance of 50% limited to Rs. 30 lakhs per centre will be established. (Cost is Rs.60 lakhs)
	F) Service set up		The Division only supports the proposal for procurement cost of machinery and tools up to maximum of 50 % limited to Rs. 30.00 lakh only for one centre	Not supported.

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8	Duck rearing (AH)	300.00		Supported . Same rates as per Kuttianad Package norms will be followed.
9	Comprehensive poultry production programme in Kole Land areas (Kerala State Poultry Development	479.00		Supported. GoI norms for Backyard Poultry will be followed.The cage will be purchased by the beneficiary.
10	Integrated development of Kole Lands for increasing scampi / fish production in rotation with paddy (ADAK)	300.00		Supported.
11	Productivity improvement of rice @ Rs. 3000/ha towards input assistance	3375.00	This was taken as an outside agenda item. It was explained that this is a continuation of the project sanctioned in the SLSC meeting held on 10-01-2013.	Supported. Same norms to be followed as per the project sanctioned in the SLSC held on 10-01-2013
	Total	11157.00		