Minutes of the 2nd SLSC meeting of NMMOP, Assam

A meeting of the State Level Standing Committee of National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) was held in the official chamber of the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam & APC, Dispur on 18.06.2016 at 04.00 PM with the APC in the Chair. The meeting was attended by the following officers/officials:

1. Dr. K. Borkakati Dir. of Agri., NMOOP Mission Director & Member Secretary, SLSC

Director of Horticulture & FP, Khanapara 2. Sri P. K. Hazarika

Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agriculture Department

3. Sri K. Talukdar

Joint Director of Agriculture(C & F) 4. Sri M. P. Rowneer

Joint Director of Agriculture(Pulse) 5. Sri K. C. Das

Addl. Director, P & D deptt. 6. Sri J. Das

DDA (Pulse & Oil seeds) Sri R. A. Ahmed Director in charge, ASSCA

8. Sri Anser Ali 9. Sri H. N. Tahbildar, Assist. Director of Agriculture (P & E) & NO-MM-II

Assist. Director of Agriculture(Rice) 10. Sri Nripen Medhi

Sr. Financial Adviser, Agriculture Department 11. Sri B. K. Buragohain

The Nodal Officer of Oil Palm explained in details about the progress of the Oil Palm scheme during 2015-16 as shown below:

MM-F

Financial Progress during 2015-16: (Rs. in lakh)

1-GOI allocation	577.00
2-Scheme submitted	424.94
3-Gol released	105.935
4-State share	11.77 lakh Not sanctioned
5-FOC received out of 105.935	29.552
6-Expenditure out of 29.552	22.261
7-Unspent of FOC	7.29143
8-Uunspent of sanctioned amount	83.674

Physical Progress: 2015-16

Component	Phy	Fin.
1) Maintenance of plants by farmers	129 ha	5.15720
2) Intercropping by farmers	154 ha	4.62920
3)Bore well	10 Nos.	0.81361
4)WHS cost for 3624 c. to Farmer's account	4 Nos.	3.60000
5)Farmer's training by IRM	20 Nos.	4.80000
6)Exposure visit of farmers to Mizoram	1 Batch	1.20000
7)Backpack sprayer for oil palm & intercrops	25 Nos.	0.40000
8)Oil Palm Crop calendar	500 Nos.	0.50000
9)MME	LS	1.16056
Total=		22 26057

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The N.O. MM-II also mentioned about the constraints experienced during 2015-16 as follows:

- Seedlings were collected by 330 farmers for 560 ha area during 2015-16
- Seedling mortality due to elephant menace, soil moisture stress reduced the exiting area to 220 ha in Boko and 154 ha in Dudhnoi (total=374 ha) during 2015-16. These gaps are to be refilled during 2016-17.
- Farmers' response under DBT system was not satisfactory. For example, under DBT system, Farmers had to spend first Rs. 30,000/-for a pump and then to get reimbursement of Rs. 15,000/-, but poor farmers did not buy pumps paying full amount.
- Under DBT system, conducting training or sending farmers/officers for exposure visit is
 a constraint because there is no financially sound institutions (for out sourcing) to
 conduct training from its own fund and then to get reimbursement. There is every
 possibility of lapses of such funds during the current year.

Following the appraisal of the scheme during 2015-16, the Nodal Officer for MM-II: Oil Palm placed the AAP for MM-II, 2016-17 as follows:

- a) The GoI has allocated an amount of Rs. 551.18 lakh for Oil Palm for the year 2016-17 with GOI share of Rs. 496.060 lakhs and Rs. 55.120 lakhs as GOI & State shares respectively.
- b) The AAP for 2016-17 was as follows:

Interventions	Phy	Fin (lakh)
Planting materials(ha)	1500	120.000
Maintenance cost (ha)	1000	40.000
Drip Irrigation (ha)	250	58.750
Diesel/Electrical pump for irrigation(No.)	126	18.900
Bore well /Ring well for irrigation (No.)	200	80.000
Water Harvesting Structure for irrigation (No)	110	99,000
Vermicompost unit (No.)	150	22.500
Inputs for intercropping(ha)	650	19.500
Officers Training (Batch)	22	7.920
Farmers' Training (Batch).	100	24.000
Flexi fund: Max. 10%		
Raised concrete/iron platform for drip tank (No.)	80	14.400
Drip irrigation pipe [from drip tank] (Rmt)	5000	0.500
Crop calendar(No.)	2500	2.500
Backpack sprayers for O/palm & intercrops(No.)	326	5.216
Farmer's Exposure(Batch)	3	9.000
Officer's Exposure visits((No.)	15	5.000
Workshop, conference, etc.(Rs.)	LS	5.000
Seedling transport assistance to farmers(ha)	1249	12 490
	Sub total=	55.106
Mission Management Expenditure (1%)	LS	5.502
	Grand Total=	551.178

The NO, MM-II stated that the above interventions are subject to the release of fund and need based preferences would be made on the basis of actual sanction and release of fund.

After the presentation made by the Nodal Officer, MM-II, the SLSC approved the Annual Action Plan of Oil Palm for Rs. 551.178 lakhs for the year 2016-17.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Date: 11.07.16

sd/- (V. B. Pyarelal, IAS) Addl. Chief Secretary & APC and Chairman, SLSC, NMOOP

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Date. 16th July, 2016

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1. The Director of Agriculture, Assam for information and necessary action.

- 2. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, etc. for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister
- 3. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary & APC, Assam for information of the Addl. Chief Secretary & APC
- 4. P.S. to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agril. Department for information of the Commissioner & Secretary
- 5. P.S. to the Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Agril. Department for information of the Secretary

6. Officer concerned...

By order etc.

Jt. Secretary to the Gov. of Assam, Agriculture Department, Dispur