

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana Cell

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE ZONAL MEETING TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RASHTRIYA KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (RKVY) HELD ON 14-11-2007 AT DELHI

List of participants is appended at Annexure-I.

Initiating the discussion, Shri P K Basu, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation explained, in brief, the background of new initiative launched by the Government of India in the form of “Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana” and the objectives of holding the Zonal Conferences. Given the short span of time available in the current year, he impressed upon the States to act as quickly as possible to implement the RKVY Scheme so as to utilize the available fund of Rs.1,500 crore in a time bound manner.

2. Shri Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation made a brief presentation on the RKVY scheme, inter alia, highlighting the objectives, salient features, eligibility criteria, allocation of funds to States and the time lines to be followed for each activity in the current year as under:

- Constitution and notification of SLSC by 3.11.2007;
- Identification of Nodal Agency for implementation by 3.11.2007;
- Identification of District Planning Unit by 16.11.2007;
- Preparation of State Agriculture Plan / District Agriculture Plan by 30.11.2007;
- Preparation of shelf-projects under Stream I by 30.11.2007;
- Preparation of proposals under Stream II by 30.11.2007;
- Holding of SLSC meeting during from 16.11.2007 to 31.12.2007;
- Submission of proposals for release of fund to Department of Agriculture and Cooperation 31.12.2007.

3. He further suggested that meetings under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary could be convened on a monthly basis to review and expedite the implementation of RKVY in the State.

4. Shri B.S. Sandhu, Director (Agriculture), Government of Punjab observed that for the projects approved under Stream I for five years, the Union Government should provide funds for five years even if the State becomes ineligible for assistance in subsequent years. It was clarified that under the present guidelines. This was not envisaged and hence States should make sure that the base line expenditure in future year is also maintained. He informed that State Government has nominated Sustainable Development Agency for preparation of District Agriculture Plan (DAP) / State Agriculture Plan (SAP) and identified the same agency as nodal agency as in the case of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) for implementation of the RKVY. The State Government had already prepared DAPs for majority of the districts. The SLSC meeting is likely to be held by the middle of December, 2007. A meeting under the chairmanship

of Chief Secretary is scheduled to hold next week to scrutinize the officers of the Departments concerned about the RKVY Scheme.

5. Shri H.B. Yadav, Additional Director, (Agriculture), Government of Rajasthan informed that SLSC will be constituted in next two-three days. Agriculture Department will be the nodal Department for implementation of RKVY. The SAP / DAPs and the projects under Stream I are currently under preparation. The first SLSC meeting is likely to be held in the month of December.

6. Shri Santosh Kumar Agnihotri, Joint Director (Agriculture), Government of Uttar Pradesh informed that SLSC will be constituted shortly. SAMETI has been identified as nodal agency at the State level for implementation of the RKVY and ATMAs at the district level. The State Government is also considering appointing IIM, Lucknow as Consultant for preparation of DAPs/SAP. The first meeting of the SLSC is likely to be held only in 2nd week of December, 2007.

7. Shri Madan Lal, Director (Agriculture), Government of Uttarakhand, stated that the SLSC is likely to be constituted by 16.11.007. District Agriculture Plan likely to be prepared by 15.12.2007 and SLSC meeting is likely to be held thereafter. Pant Nagar Agriculture University and an NGO are assisting the State Government in preparation of DAP. DRDAs and SFAC have been identified as the nodal agency for implementation of the RKVY Scheme in the State. The State Government is making additional investment in the agriculture and allied sectors during 2007-08 and will, therefore, become eligible for assistance under RKVY.

8. Dr. P.C. Kapoor, Principal Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh informed that SAMETI has been identified as the nodal agency. SLSC is being constituted. He mentioned that the meeting of the SLSC would be held after the completion of Assembly Election by 19.12.2007 in the State.

9. Shri B.S. Duggal, Addl. Director (Agriculture), Government of Haryana mentioned that the SLSC is likely to be constituted in next 2-3 days, SAMETI would be the nodal agency. Proposals under Stream I will be submitted to SLSC during 2nd week of December, 2007 for consideration and approval. The proposals under Stream II will be finalized shortly and would be posed to the Planning Commission.

10. Shri D.K. Thakur, Joint Director (Agriculture), NCT of Delhi informed that RKVY will be implemented only in one district. IARI is assisting in formulation of DAP. Agriculture Department is the nodal Department. SLSC is likely to be constituted by 20.11.2007.

11. Shri Ajay Bhattacharya, Joint Secretary (Fisheries), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries, Government of India stated that in number of States like Punjab, Haryana, there is wide scope for expansion of inland fisheries. The States should prepare a suitable proposal under RKVY for creation of infrastructure facilities etc. for enhancement of production and productivity of inland fisheries. Further, States whose

proposals for fishery sector were not sanctioned for want of funds could avail of benefit under RKVY window.

12. Shri Surinder Singh, Director (Agriculture), Planning Commission requested State Governments to submit the proposal under Stream II for 2007-08 immediately. For the Annual Plan 2008-09, the State Plan proposals of the State should also include the RKVY proposal.

13. The Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, in his concluding remarks reiterated the need to follow the timelines indicated above strictly to complete the preparation of SAPs/DAPs and holding of SLSC meeting for approval of projects under Stream I preferably by end of November or latest by 3rd week of December. He urged upon the States to expedite their proposals under Stream II also. He further suggested that the SLSC meeting may be held as and when projects are ready to avoid bunching of projects towards the end of December, 2007.

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LIST OF OFFICERS PARTICIPATED

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2. Ajay Bhattacharya, Joint Secretary (Fisheries), Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries, Govt. of India
3. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India
4. B.N. Nanda, Director (Fisheries), Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries, Govt. of India
5. Surinder Singh, Director (Agriculture), Planning Commission.
6. Sunil Saran, Director, Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of India.
7. Dr. P.C. Kapoor, Principal Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
8. B.S. Sidhu, Director (Agriculture), Government of Punjab.
9. Madan Lal, Director (Agriculture), Government of Uttarakhand.
10. B.S. Duggal, Addl. Director (Agriculture), Government of Haryana.
11. H.B. Yadav, Addl. Director (Agriculture), Government of Rajasthan.
12. Santosh Kumar Agnihotri, Joint Director (Agriculture), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.
13. M.H. Malik, Deputy Resident Commissioner, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
14. D.K. Thakur, Joint Director (Agriculture), NCT of Delhi.
15. M.S. Sethi, Under Secretary (RKVY), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
16. R.K. Khera, Section Officer (RKVY), Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
