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Subject: Minutes of the **Fourth Meeting of National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSMEC)** held on **07.12.2009** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-Regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the **Fourth Meeting of National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSMEC)** held on **07.12.2009** under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

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MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NFSMEC) HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (A&C), MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AT KRISHI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI.

1. List of the participants is placed at **Annexure 1**.
2. Welcoming the participants, Joint Secretary (Crops) informed that the objective of the meeting was to **appraise** the implementation of the Mission across components, programs and States at the **midterm stage**.
1. **Agenda 1&2**: The minutes of the third meeting of NFSMEC held on 1st December, 2008 were confirmed as there were no amendments or modifications suggested by any member.
3. In presenting implementation status of the Mission in terms of the physical and financial progress **under** different programs **from 2007-08 to 2009-10**, J.S (Crops) highlighted the impressive performance of some States and under-performance of other States. **Instances of mismatch** between physical and financial achievements and lopsided planning under various components **were also illustrated**. He emphasized the strong positive correlation **between** implementation of right mix of programme **components** and productivity enhancement reported at the district level. States that adopted right mix of programme **components** on seeds, soil nutrients, protection, mechanization & extension showed more productivity enhancement compared to States with imbalanced planning. He strongly advocated for selection of best mix of programme **components** that would deliver desired outcomes with appropriate financial allocations and close monitoring at critical stages of implementation.
4. Reviewing the action taken report of last EC minutes, Secretary (A&C) expressed dissatisfaction over the low performance of states like U.P and West Bengal., especially in the seed sector. National Consultant (Agronomy) stated that the target of **distribution of** 16 lakh tonnes of wheat seeds could not be achieved in U.P **last year** due to non availability of the certified seeds with Uttar Pradesh State Seed Corporation (UPSSC). Chairman opined that such under- performance would be viewed seriously **which would result in** reduction in future allocations. He desired a **report on the reasons for the shortfall** from the state of UP. He directed the states to produce pulses seeds as per the seed rolling plans prepared for ensuring adequate seed of desired varieties. Director (Agriculture), Bihar **cited** farmers' preference **for** private seeds and non availability of breeder seeds as per the indents forwarded as some of the reasons for low production and lifting of public bred seeds. Ironically, issues relating to non- lifting of breeder seeds by the states and use of precious breeder seeds as TL seeds were highlighted by National Consultant (**Seeds**).Non performance in the seed sector was viewed seriously

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and States were advised to review the implementation of this component. Chairman opined that distribution of minikits of rice wheat and pulses should be continued for popularizing the new varieties and for farm to farm propagation of multiplied seeds. He was also apprised of the outcomes of the brainstorming session on controlling the blue bull menace. For promoting conservation agriculture as adaptation to the changing climate, Secretary (A&C) said that zero till seed drill machines and laser land levellers should be promoted more vigorously. He said that the option to engage farmers' groups or cooperatives at the ATMA level for promotion of such expensive machinery would ensure that the machinery reaches larger number of farmers.

5. **Agenda 3: Performance review of States:** Six major states of A.P, U.P, M.P, Maharashtra, Bihar and West Bengal, which account for about 70% of the total allocation of the Mission, were called to make presentations on NFSM performance, Kharif crop performance, Rabi planning, APY of NFSM and non-NFSM districts and input consumption over the years.

5.1. **U.P** projected 57%, 70% and 54% expenditure under rice, Kharif pulses and wheat components, respectively during 09-10. The State highlighted that 13 lakh qtls of seed had been distributed but reported shortage in wheat Minikit supply from UPSSC. Secretary (A&C) opined that breeder seed and foundation seed production of *kalanamak* variety under the component of local initiative required review. As for the impact of NFSM, State projected production increase in NFSM districts compared to non-NFSM districts in rice, wheat and pulses. Comparative input consumption data also revealed increase in input consumption under all components except for micronutrients during 08-09.

5.2. **A.P** informed that due to drought in Kharif, 19% of normal Kharif area could not be sown. Subsequent floods resulted in damage to nearly 1.85 lakh ha, which might result in 30% reduction in production. For compensating the projected Kharif losses, the state has planned to increase area under rice and pulses for Rabi. State indicated positive impact of NFSM interventions on input consumption, increase in area, production and productivity.

5.3. **Maharashtra** projected 100% expenditure under wheat during 09-10, and requested for inter-componental change from soil nutrients to pump sets under rice and pulses which was approved by Ministry. Dry spells and low rain might result in reduced production in Kharif. State indicated varied results under production increase in NFSM and non- NFSM districts. State asked for release of funds for publicity to settle pending claims under Krishi Dindi campaign taken up in Kharif 2009.

- 5.4. **Bihar** indicated 100% expenditure up to March 2010 as per the approved revised plans under rice, wheat and pulses. State requested for further releases to meet the expenditure on Rabi. Number of districts showing productivity increase under wheat and pulses were reported to be similar during 07-08 and 08-09, whereas number of rice districts showing higher productivity increased in 08-09. Secretary (A&C) asked the states to do an in-depth analysis to ascertain specific reasons for the fluctuations in production/ productivity in different districts. State has planned for additional one lakh quintals of wheat seed distribution under NFSM Wheat to compensate for losses due to drought in Kharif.
- 5.5. **M.P.** explained that drought was the reason for lower expenditure in Kharif and assured improvement in Rabi since late monsoon precipitation would ensure timely completion of activities in Rabi.
- 5.6. **W.B.** indicated problem in seed distribution. Secretary suggested that national agencies like National Seeds Corporation, SFCI etc. should be engaged for selling quality seeds directly to the farmers in States showing low performance in seed component. Secretary (A&C) directed that a meeting of NSC, SFCI and NFSM should be organized by the NFSM cell for advance planning of seed supply to the states. Tie up between the NSC, SFCI and the State Seeds Corporations was also suggested.
- 5.7. **IIPR** presented that nearly 1.3 lakh qtls of breeder seed was produced in 14 SAUs against the indented quantity of nearly 12000 qtls that would be sufficient for seed replacement rate of 100% in pigeon pea, 13% in lentil, 21% in pea, 34% in chick pea and 96% in moong bean. IIPR also gave an account of the training programmes conducted on improved production technologies of pulses during 08-09 and training programme planned for 09-10. IIPR requested for further releases of funds as the earlier releases were stated to have been fully utilized.
6. **Agenda 4: Monitoring Mechanism:** Secretary (A&C) released the documents prepared by National Productivity council (NPC) on monitoring and evaluation of NFSM. Later, NPC presented a brief account of the documents developed for monitoring and evaluation - Log Frame analysis (LFA) based Project Planning Matrix; formats for records keeping, reporting and monitoring; Handbook on concurrent evaluation and comprehensive methodology for performance assessment of districts for State/National level awards. NPC explained that state level training programmes were planned for familiarizing the states with the documents and utilize them from Rabi for monitoring of the mission programs. Secretary (A&C), while appreciating the work done in developing the documents, advised that the formats should be simple and easy for the field functionaries to fill up.

7. **Presentation by National Consultants** on role of PMT in implementation of NFSM was deferred due to paucity of time. Secretary desired to hold a separate meeting with consultants to **review** the working of PMT.
8. **Agenda 5: Post Facto Approvals (agenda 5.1-5.3 & 5.4):**As per agenda, proposals for post facto approvals and new approvals were considered by the Executive Committee and after discussions, post facto approvals were accorded to the following proposals :

8.1. **Post facto approval of action plans (agenda 5.1):** Action plans of the states for the year 09-10 (rice/wheat/pulses) were approved as per the individual state allocations shown in the agenda notes. The abstract of the approvals is presented below:

S. No.	State	NFSM – Rice (including local initiatives)	NFSM – Wheat (including local initiatives)	NFSM – Pulses (including local initiatives)	Publicity	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	46.693	0.000	95.538	2.711	144.942
2.	Assam	31.298	0.000	0.000	1.060	32.358
3.	Bihar	20.703	57.536	48.264	1.690	128.193
4.	Chhattisgarh	49.877	0.000	42.550	0.910	93.337
5.	Gujarat	1.919	6.584	14.192	0.850	23.545
6.	Haryana	0.000	23.214	10.742	0.670	34.626
7.	Jharkhand	16.951	0.000	0.000	0.990	17.941
8.	Karnataka	24.795	0.000	39.410	1.490	65.695
9.	Kerala	3.905	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.905
10.	Madhya Pradesh	14.586	56.421	53.970	0.720	125.697
11.	Maharashtra	25.634	21.258	68.183	1.530	116.606
12.	Orissa	40.247	0.000	24.739	2.030	67.016
13.	Punjab	0.00	52.965	6.629	0.150	59.744
14.	Rajasthan	0.00	28.761	23.430	1.970	54.161
15.	Tamil Nadu	29.693	0.000	14.921	2.310	46.924
16.	Uttar Pradesh	77.158	164.269	71.085	0.160	312.671
17.	West Bengal	72.020	7.832	20.191	0.490	100.533
	Total	455.478	418.840	533.844	19.731	1427.894

- 8.2 **Agenda 5.2: Post facto approval of rice, wheat Minikits:** The proposals for post facto approval of 3,40,638 numbers of Rice Minikits of HYVs (5 kg each), 60,300 numbers of Rice Minikits of Hybrids (6 kg each) and 2,65,567 numbers of Wheat Minikits (10 kg each) during the year 2009-10 under NFSM-Rice and NFSM-Wheat and additional allocation of 1,58,680 numbers of additional Rice Minikits for Boro/Summer/Rabi and 3, 01,000 numbers of additional Wheat Minikits were approved.
- 8.3 **Agenda 5.3: post facto approval for use of truthfully labeled seeds:** NFSMEC approved the use of truthfully labeled seeds as the availability of adequate quantity of recent varieties of Certified Seeds of Varieties/Hybrids was a problem. The problem was further aggravated by drought conditions that prevailed in Kharif thereby hampering the distribution of seeds. It was decided to allow truthfully labeled seeds for assistance under NFSM, provided the seed is produced by ICAR Institutes/SAUs at their own farm under the supervision of scientists/experts.
- 8.4 **Agenda 5.4: Approval of exposure visit proposal to CIMMYT, Mexico:** NFSMEC examined the objectives of the proposal in enriching the knowledge base of the personnel involved in the Mission and also in enhancing their skills in transfer of technology relating to component crops. After discussion, the proposed visit including financials (Rs 28, 26,600) was approved.
- 8.5 **Agenda 5.5: Ex post facto Approval of Use of unutilized funds of one component to other (i.e., NFSM-Rice/Wheat/Pulses to each other and vice versa) during 2009-10.** Post facto approval for use of unspent balances of Kharif rice, pulses from previous releases under rice, pulses for rabi season 2009 was approved by Executive Committee keeping in view the drought prevailed in Kharif season .

9 The following action points emerged during the discussions

- 9.1 In depth analysis of the reasons for the fluctuating performance(positive / negative) of districts under rice, wheat and pulses components of NFSM needs to be done and report should be submitted to NFSM Cell.(Action: States)
- 9.2 Streamlining of procurement and supply procedures for ensuring timely supply of inputs to farmers should be ensured. Future allocation to the states would be influenced if progress in achieving physical and financial targets is unsatisfactory. (Action: State)

- 9.3 Performance of Uttar Pradesh State Seed Corporation (UPSSC) in supply of minikits and distribution of seeds of high yielding varieties was found to be **unsatisfactory**. Review report on the implementation of scheme especially of seed sector should be prepared. Components proposed under local initiatives of U.P should also be reviewed in view of emphasis on seed production of popular and old varieties. **(Action: NFSM Cell/state/ concerned consultant)**
- 9.4 Pulses seed production chain needs to be strengthened and seed rolling plans should be adhered to. Review of pulses foundation seed indents submitted by states and seed produced by IIPR is necessary **(Action: NFSM Cell/ states/IIPR/Seed division)**
- 9.5 Promotion of hybrid seed varieties through increased hybrid seed minikits should be **up-scaled**. Strategy for promotion of hybrids should be evolved in consultation with ICAR. Meeting of National level seed producing agencies **and** State Seed Corporations should be arranged for finalizing the seed distribution targets, minikits for 2010-11. **(Action: NFSM Cell/ ICAR)**
- 9.6 Delegation of power of procurement to districts for ensuring timely and synchronous delivery of the inputs should be considered by the States. Efficient use of Project Management Teams at the State and the District level for close monitoring and reporting should be ensured. **(Action: States)**
- 9.7 Detailed report on damage by blue bull to pulses crop should be prepared so that a consolidated proposal could be submitted to Ministry of Environment and Forests for including blue bull under vermin category. **(Action: States/ NFSM Cell)**
- 9.8 Inclusion of Laser land leveler under machinery component for cooperatives/ group of farmers with a subsidy not exceeding 50% of cost with individual subsidy ceiling of Rs 15000 as in zero till machines should be considered keeping in view its demand and need for large scale adoption especially for the small and marginal farmers. **(Action: NFSM Cell)**
- 9.9 Documentation of performance **of minikits, demonstrations, etc.** should be submitted to the Ministry **(Action: States)**
- 9.10 Proposal for involving National Seed producing agencies like NSC, SFCl, **etc** in supply of high yielding variety seeds to under -performing states would be examined and 50% targets of those states could be considered by the States for allocation to NSC/SFCl. **(Action: NFSM Cell)**
- 9.11 Monitoring of NFSM implementation at state/district levels should be taken up for assisting states in better implementation and to bridge knowledge gaps. **(Action: NFSM Cell/ National Consultants)**
- 10 Meeting ended with **a** vote of thanks to the chair.

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