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Subject: Minutes of the Second Meeting of National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSM-EC) held on 12th March, 2008 at 11.00 hrs under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) in Committee Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-Regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Second Meeting of National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSM-EC) held on 12th March, 2008 at 11.00 hrs under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) in Committee Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

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MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH MARCH, 2008 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (A&C).

1. Second Meeting of the National Food Security Mission Executive Committee was held on 12th March, 2008 under the chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) to review progress of National Food Security Mission and to accord post facto approvals for the decisions taken since the last meeting in October 2007.
2. List of participants is **annexed**.
3. Joint Secretary (Crops) and Mission Director of NFSM welcomed the participants and gave a brief background for the discussions on the Agenda for consideration of NFSMEC.
4. Chairman, NFSMEC observed that the National Food Security Mission had started in October, 2007 and had since been implemented successfully in most of the States. He appreciated the enthusiastic response from the States for timely implementation of the Mission in the Rabi season. He further observed that the linkages with other schemes particularly of RKVY and those of Ministry of Rural Development need to be developed to fill up the gaps for infrastructure development for holistic agriculture development.
5. Agriculture Commissioner reviewed the prospects of food crops in the Rabi Season and said that the favourable climatic conditions and good work done by the States in promoting Agriculture technologies would ensure that the production targets fixed for the season would be achieved. He asked the States to present the review of the crop situation and the prospects in their area.
6. The States presented detailed information about crop condition and likely prospects of wheat, pulses and oilseeds in the Rabi season.
 - 6.1 Mission Director of **Bihar** observed that though the area under wheat was slightly less as compared to last year, however, the targeted production of 48 lakh tons was likely to be achieved.

- 6.2 Additional Director, Agriculture, **Haryana** stated that about 1 lakh ha more area had been covered under wheat this year and the productivity was expected to be higher. Farmers were advised to adopt frequent irrigation by sprinklers so as to mitigate the impact of recent rise in temperature. About 2.8 lakh ha area of mustard was affected due to cold waves incurring loss ranging between 25 to 100 per cent in different districts.
- 6.3 Mission Director, **Punjab** observed that slightly higher coverage under wheat had been recorded and the estimated production of 148 lakh tones (about 2 lakh tones higher than the last year) would be achieved. The productivity is expected to be higher by one qtl per ha as compared to last year. So far the temperature was congenial for the growth of the crops.
- 6.4 In **Madhya Pradesh** though the area under wheat had reduced by about 3 lakh ha, the productivity was expected to be higher (20 qtl per ha as compared to 19.15 qtl per ha last year) indicating thereby the production to be at par with that of 2006-07. The harvesting of wheat had already begun in few districts / regions of the State and it would be over by 15th April. In pulses, the area covered was at par with that of 2006-07. There was some damage to gram (about 55000 ha). However, the productivity was expected to be higher than that of last year for the rest of the area.
- 6.5 Director (Extension), **Maharashtra** informed that there would be an increase of about 11 per cent of wheat production and of 32 per cent for gram in the State as compared to 2006-07.
- 6.6 Mission Director, **Uttar Pradesh** stated that the productivity of wheat was likely to increase by 1 to 1.5 qtl per ha in NFSM districts and the production of wheat was expected to be 254.0 lakh tones as was achieved during 2006-07 in spite of about 3 lakh ha less coverage in the State this year. The pulses coverage and production had been severely affected due to drought in Bundelkhand Region which is the major domain for production of pulse crops in the State.

6.7 In **Rajasthan**, the area of wheat was reduced from 25.85 lakh ha in 2006-07 to 22.35 lakh ha in 2007-08. However, higher productivity of about 30.3 qtls per ha was expected to reach the same level of production as was achieved in 2006-07. Mustard suffered severely due to cold wave and there also less acreage by about 6 lakh ha.

6.8 In **West Bengal**, the wheat acreage was estimated to be higher by 50000 ha area as compared to 2006-07 with the likely productivity of 2.3 tones per ha (higher than 2.28 t/ha in 2006-07). Higher coverage and production of oilseeds was also expected in the State.

6.9 In **Andhra Pradesh** about 27 per cent higher area coverage was estimated as compared to 2006-07 in rice and about 12 per cent higher coverage under pulses had been recorded. It was inford that there would be record production of rice of about 199 lakh tones as compared to 143 lakh tones in 2006-07. The groundnut production was also expected to be about 18 lakh tones as compared to 7.71 lakh tones in 2006-07.

6.10 The coverage under mustard and oilseeds was higher in **Orissa** as well as in **Assam**.

6.11 All the States expressed their confidence that higher production of wheat and pulses would be achieved this year as compared to last year.

7. After the review of the crop status and likely production of wheat, pulses and oilseeds, agenda items were taken up for consideration of the NFSMEC.

8. The minutes of the first meeting of NFSMEC held on 16th October, 2007 were approved (**Annexure-II**).

9. All the proposals which were approved by Secretary (A&C) as Chairman of NFSMEC were approved by the Committee ex post facto. They included:

- (i) increased additional allocation of **Rs.526.00** lakh under NFSM-Rice and **Rs.2000.00** lakh under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08 for **Andhra Pradesh**.

- (ii) Increased additional allocation of **Rs.559.00** lakh under NFSM-Rice during 2007-08 for **Assam**.
- (iii) Increased additional allocation of **Rs.90.00** lakh under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08 for **Bihar**.
- (iv) Allocation of **Rs.441.25** lakh under NFSM-Summer Rice during 2007-08 for **Chattisgrah**.
- (v) Increased additional allocation of **Rs.149.850.00** lakh under NFSM-Wheat during 2007-08 with inter-componential changes.
- (vi) Increased allocation of **Rs.506.225** lakh under NFSM-Wheat during 2007-08 for **Madhya Pradesh**.
- (vii) Increased allocation of **Rs.160.400** lakh under NFSM-Wheat during 2007-08 for **Maharashtra**.
- (viii) Increased allocation of **Rs.225.190** lakh under NFSM-Rice and **Rs.142.76** lakh under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08 for **Orissa**.
- (ix) Increased allocation of **Rs.517.40** lakh under NFSM-Wheat and **Rs.66.00** lakh under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08 for **Punjab** with inter-componential changes.
- (x) Increased allocation of **Rs.15.00** lakh under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08 for **Rajasthan**.
- (xi) Increased allocation of **Rs.1766.015** lakh under NFSM-Wheat during 2007-08 for **Uttar Pradesh** with inter-componential changes.
- (xii) Allocation of **Rs.608.747** lakh under NFSM-Rice, **Rs.227.11** lakh under NFSM-Wheat and **Rs.186.00** lakh under NFSM-Pulses during 2007-08 for **West Bengal**.
- (xiii) Approval of revised approved plan of Rs. 405.2136 crore with additional allocation of Rs. 114.0015 crore over Rs. 292.2121 crore earlier approved.

- (xiv) Allocation of **Rs.8.33** crore under NFSM-Pulses for entire XI plan period to ICRSAT for demonstration of Hybrid pigeonpea technology in collaboration of SAUs and States.
- (xv) Allocation of **Rs.10.00** crore for entire XI plan period (Rs 2.0 crore per year) under NFSM-Pulses for infrastructure development for breeder seed production and allocation of **Rs. 5.0 Crores for XI Plan Period (Rs. 1.06** crore for 2007-08) under NFSM-Pulses for strengthening of training infrastructure and training of trainers.
- (xvi) Allocation of **Rs. 1976.51 lakh** under NFSM during 2007-08 for local initiatives to the States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Tamilnadu, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, West Bengal, Rajasthan).
- (xvii) Allocation of **Rs. 94.30** lakh for seed minikit distribution by National Seeds Corporation and State Farms corporation of India under NFSM-Wheat during 2007-08 .
- (xviii) Approval for tentative physical and financial targets for different components for NFSM-Rice, NFSM-wheat and NFSM-Pulses for 2008-09.

10. Various States made presentations to apprise the NFSMEC on the achievement, likely expenditure by the end of the financial year, outcome of NFSM, issues and possible solutions.

10.1 Government of Assam requested for blanket permission for effecting inter-componential changes. It was clarified that the inter-componential changes have recently been approved by General Council. These changes could be made by the SFMEC to the extent of 20 per cent of the annual allocation for the State.

10.2 Chhattisgarh expressed the difficulty in identifying additional area under NFSM pulses. He requested for uniformity in approach under the two schemes ISOPOM and NFSM Pulses for implementation in the same district. It was explained that the rice fallows could be exploited by taking up pulses like lentil and chickpea through utera

cropping. The State also requested for inclusion of zero tillage and rotavators for pulses.

10.3 In Haryana, the sprinklers were in great demand. The State requested for additional allocations for sprinklers from out of the available allocation under NFSM Pulses. It was clarified that more number of sprinklers could be promoted under Micro Irrigation Scheme as well. Besides with the decision of allowing inter componential changes upto 20 % of the annual allocation State could meet the additional demand for Sprinklers.

10.4 Mission Director, Punjab requested to consider the increased allocation for demonstrations on wheat. Mission Director, NFSM Stated that very high numbers of demonstrations were conducted which need to be critically monitored by a team constituted by DAC. State was advised to send a detailed justification for taking up such a large number of demonstrations.

10.5 The Government of Orissa requested for subsidy on farm implements other than conoweeder. It was clarified that under NFSM-Rice subsidy was admissible for conoweeders and other farm implements within the ceiling given.

10.6 Mission Director, Uttar Pradesh requested to extend the assistance for notified varieties of hybrid rice of private agencies. It was clarified that only certified seed of notified varieties were eligible for assistance under National Food Security Mission. Any seed within the specified age limit which was certified and produced by private agencies could be utilized for popularization among farmers.

10.7 Agriculture Commissioner requested all the States to plan in advance for seed availability and make tie up arrangements with other States or producing agencies to meet the targets of NFSM during the year 2008-09. He asked the States to ensure the quality and availability of seeds and gypsum, lime and micronutrients at block level for better impact. He asked the States to publicize the NFSM at all levels with the involvement of all the stakeholders.

- 10.8 Additional Secretary, Sh. P.K. Basu stated that each State should have year-wise area, production and yield target for NFSM districts and other schemes to be dovetailed with NFSM in 311 districts. He suggested that the review of irrigation status and power supply should also be made while presenting the progress to NFSMEC.
- 10.9. Additional Secretary, Sh. N.K. Das, observed that the feedback is required from the States about publicity in regional languages.
- 10.10 Joint Secretary (TMOP) observed that breeder seed of pulses was to be produced by IIPR, Kanpur and the State should give their indent in advance for various seeds to be produced by the institute. He also emphasized that the area and financial target for pulses had already been fixed State-wise and the respective States need to prepare their action plan in the identified districts.
- 10.11 Dr P.L. Gautam, Deputy Director General, ICAR suggested for inclusion of the National Level Training of technical personnel in National Institute of repute along with international training which was accepted by the NFSMEC.
- 10.12. Dr B.C. Barah, Principal Scientist, NCAP and member, NFSMEC observed that the target of 10.0 million tones of additional production of Rice could be achieved if the planned components reach the target area in time.
- 10.13 Dr R.B.Deshmukh, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri and Member, NFSMEC observed that certification was must for ensuring the quality of hybrids and varieties. Many hybrids of private agencies were not as good as public hybrids. He also emphasized to promote the intercropping of legume with legume for better production. Limited irrigation in pulses helps in improving the yield substantially. He also suggested inclusion of demonstration on pulses and also on intercropping under the NFSM Pulses.

10.14 Dr J.P.Tondon, Member, NFSMEC stated that the seed programme should be reviewed to make available the latest released varieties. Restoration of fertility is also important for which he suggested to include the component of organic manuring in the Mission. He emphasized the criticality of monitoring of demonstrations.

10.15 Mission Director, NFSM stated that planning for next season was very important and any problem in this regard should be reported an early solution. He also emphasized for the use of uniform reporting format by all the States, If required the regional level meeting with States may be held to help them in formulation of action plans. Mission Director also observed that Annual Plans of the States need to be prepared with due care with full details and linkage with the production targets.

10.16 Dr Shankar Lal and Dr R.K. Gupta Consultants in the National Food Security Mission also made a brief presentation on seeds and soil management to suggest approach for enhancing the production of mission crops in the coming kharif season.

11. Secretary (A&C) while concluding the discussions asked the States to prepare plans for the coming Kharif seasons and to take all the preparatory steps to ensure timely and adequate availability of the inputs. He said that the targets of additional production of rice and pulses should be kept in mind while planning different components of NFSM for the Kharif season. The other schemes like RKVY and those of rural development should also be taken into consideration while preparing the action plan at the District level. He further mentioned that farmers' conference on the pattern of Krishi Mahotsav of Gujarat should be convened in some districts, wherein the farmers should be informed about latest technologies and their easy availability.

12. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- (i) Approval of the minutes of the first meeting of NFSMEC held on 16-10-2007. **(Action: NFSM Cell, States, Crop Directorates)**

- (ii) Ex-post facto approval for the decisions approved by Secretary (A&C) as chairman of NFSMEC as mentioned at para 9(i) to 9 (xviii). **(Action: NFSM Cell, States, Crop Directorates).**
- (iii) National Level Training of technical personnel in National Institute of repute along with international training need be organized. **(Action: NFSM Cell, States, Crop Directorates)**
- (iv) Certification of seed is essential for ensuring the quality of hybrids and varieties. **(Action: NFSM Cell, States, Crop Directorates).**
- (v) Promotion of intercropping of legume for better production and demonstration on pulses as sole and on intercropping. **(Action: NFSM Cell, States, Crop Directorates).**
- (vi) Use of uniform reporting format by all the States. Annual Plans of the States need to be prepared with all details and clarity. **(Action: NFSM Cell, States, Crop Directorates)**
- (vii) Quality of the inputs needs to be monitored and maintained for better output. **(Action: States, Crop Directorates)**
- (viii) Other schemes like RKVY and those of rural development need to be taken into consideration while preparing the district agriculture plan. **(Action: NFSM Cell, States, Crop Directorates).**
- (ix) Farmers' conference as decided in the last National Kharif Conference should be convened in the selected districts of the NFSM States and the farmers should be informed about availability of inputs, machinery and training, etc. **(Action: States, Crop Directorates)**
- (x) States to give the crop cutting data for as many locations as possible to Directorate of E&S for 3rd Advance Estimates of Production. A meeting of major States to be organized by Directorate of E&S, DAC to discuss the area coverage and crop performance in the States based on crop cutting data. **(Action: Dfe of E&S, States, Crop Directorates)**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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