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Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

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Dated 14th May, 2012

Subject: Seventh Meeting of General Council (GC) of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) held on 02-5-2012 at 3.30 PM in Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Hall, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of General Council (GC) of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister on 02.5.2012 at 3.30 PM in Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Hall, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

It is requested that the Action Taken Report may kindly be furnished to the undersigned for placing the same before the next NFSMGC Meeting.

Encl: as above.

(A. Neeraja)
Director (Crops)

Distribution:

As per List attached

Proceedings of the Seventh Meeting of the General Council of National Food Security Mission (NFSMGC) held on 2nd May, 2012 at New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture

1. The Seventh Meeting of National Food Security Mission General Council (NFSMGC) was held on 2nd May, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture, Shri Sharad Pawar in Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Hall, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The list of participants is annexed.
3. Before taking up the regular agenda, Chairman invited Country Representative FAO to make his presentation on "Global Best Management Practices for the NFSM- possible areas for FAO - NFSM partnerships". Country Representative FAO in his presentation identified capacity building of farmers & field functionaries, improving knowledge sharing, information dissemination and communication among the stakeholders, program designing and monitoring as some of the possible areas of partnership between NFSM and FAO. Chairman acknowledged the strength of FAO for its knowledge and expertise in technical and administrative fields and asked Mission Director NFSM to explore the feasibility of engaging more actively with the FAO.
4. After FAO country representative left the meeting, official agenda was taken up for consideration of the General Council. Summary of the decisions taken on the listed agenda items is given as under
 - **Approval of the minutes of Sixth meeting of NFSMGC:** No comments were received from any member of the Council on the minutes of Sixth meeting of NFSMGC held on 7th September, 2011; therefore, the minutes were confirmed.

- **Review of compliance of Action points of Sixth meeting:** NFSMGC reviewed the compliance of action points of 6th NFSMGC meeting and confirmed the action taken report placed in notes.

5. Ex Post Facto approvals to the following proposals were accorded by the NFSMGC:

- Inclusion of States of Jammu & Kashmir and Tripura under NFSM Rice from the year 2011-12
- Approval of supply of minikits of PBW - 621-50 to non NFSM States of HP and J&K
- Approval for modification to para 8.1.4 for inclusion of HIL for production of foundation and certified seed under pulses component
- Inclusion of other North-Eastern and Hill States under NFSM Rice
- Inclusion of cluster demonstration on DSR and conservation agriculture in NFSM Wheat Districts of Punjab and Haryana and Western UP
- Inclusion of Community mobile micro-irrigation rainguns to identified clusters under NFSM-pulses
- Subsuming Seed production subsidy of pulses with distribution subsidy under NFSM-Pulses
- Frontline Demonstrations on Rice, Wheat and Pulses by ICAR- SAU system
- Merger of seed minikits programmes with cluster demonstrations
- Reducing A3P cluster size to 100 ha from 1000 ha
- Rationalizing the Farmers Field School
- Provisioning of Rs. 6000/- per month for 6 months to Farmers Facilitator for each cluster of 100 ha demonstration
- Inclusion of specific programmes under Local Initiatives component
- Inclusion of coarse cereals and fodder crops under NFSM

6. The committee examined the following new proposals and accorded approvals to the following

- Revision in experience and age limit of National Consultant under NFSM. Age limit of 70 years was approved with a condition to engage younger consultants as far as possible.

- Demonstrations on Drainage Management in waterlogged areas for rice-wheat system under NFSM – Wheat.
 - Revision of para 3(l) of the agenda for providing honorarium at the rate of Rs. 2000/- per month to Farmer Facilitators and not Rs.6000/ approved earlier due to calculation oversight.
 - Revision of Para No.3 (d) of agenda note on inclusion of districts of North Eastern States having more than 5000 ha under cluster demonstration of NFSM-Rice
 - Inclusion of specific Districts in the State of Jammu & Kashmir under NFSM-Wheat to control wheat rust from spreading to the plains
7. Joint Secretary (Crops) & Mission Director (NFSM) made a presentation on implementation of NFSM during the 11th plan and the program planning for the 12th five year plan. The highlights included:
- The mission achieved additional normal production of 26.5 million tons of rice, wheat, pulses during 11th plan (derived from the difference of normal production of 11th plan against normal production in 10th plan) against the target of 20 million tons. During 11th plan 170 million tons more production of total food grains was reported compared to production in 10th plan which was the highest ever increase recorded in any five year plan so far.
 - For 12th plan, a target of 25 million tons of additional foodgrain production at the end of the 12th plan (over the normal production of the 11th Plan) was proposed so that the demand of 260 million tons, projected by the working group set up by the planning commission, could be met. He informed that the EFC note for revamped NFSM was ready. In principle approval of Planning Commission was received for the continuation of the scheme and the approach taken in the revamping of NFSM for the 12th Five year plan. During 2012-13, the plan would be implemented with certain modifications, permissible under the extant guidelines, that included - taking up demonstrations in clusters; provisioning expensive inputs as agri-service; inclusion of additional States in the North Eastern Region and Hills for Rice and Northern Himalayan States for Wheat for strategic reasons; staggered rates of

distribution subsidy for pulses by subsuming seed production subsidy. Inclusion of millets and fodder, revision of subsidy norms, strategic research component and other remaining components of proposed revamped NFSM were deferred till the due approval of the proposed program outlay in the 12th plan. The main focus of the Mission would be on pulses and millets; rainfed area and eastern India development.

8. Secretary DARE and DG ICAR emphasized on use of micro-nutrients in Rice and Wheat and sulphur in Pulses for productivity improvement.
9. Chairman opined that although the efforts made under the mission could result in increased production of pulses (18.24 million tons in 2010-11 and 17.02 million tons as per 3rd advance estimate of 2011-12), still gap existed between the demand and supply of pulses. It was suggested to develop more aggressive strategies, to further improve the productivity.
10. Chairman also proposed for taking up entire village as a unit for demonstration of drainage Management in waterlogged areas in rice- wheat system under NFSM instead of restricting it to a block of 100 hectares. It was clarified that 100 ha was specified as a minimum area and the states could take up the whole village under the component.
11. Director, Agriculture Bihar made a presentation on the promotion of hybrid rice technologies during 2011-12 and the plans for 2012-13. The state focused on the interventions of hybrids (4 lakh hectares), System of Rice intensification (3.5 lakh hectares) and green manuring (3 lakh hectares) through convergence of crop development schemes that had resulted in record production of 77.37 lakh MT and a world record figure of 25 qtl/ ha productivity of rice achieved by a farmer in the Nalanda District of the state. Timely supply of inputs, selection of hybrids based on previous performance, grass-root campaign by the state machinery including Hon'ble Chief Minister, technology transfer to farmers through capacity building /trainings were said to be instrumental in obtaining record production. In general, large farmers were encouraged for hybrid cultivation and small farmers under SRI, at many places a combination of 2 or 3 interventions was tried. Active

involvement of ICAR and SAU in screening of hybrids and conducting trials was requested. In order to promote hybrids on large scale, he requested for revisiting the subsidy norms of hybrid seeds and also highlighted the need for information on suitable hybrids for different agro-climatic condition of the State. It was informed that the State was doubling the target coverage this year for promotion of hybrid rice, SRI and green manuring.

12. Appreciating the efforts put in by the state in enhancing the production, Chairman asked Bihar to publicise the stupendous efforts of the farmers by screening the video recording of the success story of highest productivity in Bihar to other areas within the State and to other rice growing States.

13. Action Points:

- Although the pulses production had increased to nearly 17.02 million tons (as per 3rd advance estimate of 2011-12) compared to normal production of 13 million tons in 10th plan, still gap existed between the demand and supply of pulses. It was decided to develop additional strategies, for enhancing the production of pulses in the 12th plan to meet the growing demand **(Action: NFSM Cell)**
- In order to enhance the fertility of the soil and to achieve optimum nutrient balance, it was decided to find innovative approaches to promote nutrients such as Boron, Sulphur apart from regular NPK fertilizers. **(Action: NFSM Cell/ States)**
- Recommendation of suitable hybrids to specific agro-climatic zones / states should be included in the notification of the rice hybrids to facilitate the states in selection of suitable hybrids for specific areas of the state. **(Action : ICAR/ Seed Division of DAC)**
- Demonstration of drainage Management in waterlogged areas for rice- wheat system under NFSM could be considered on village basis instead of limiting it to 100 hectares patch. Clarification to this effect should be issued to the States. **(Action: NFSM Cell/ States)**

- Although qualifications and age norms proposed for selection of NFSM consultants in the agenda were approved, consideration should be given to younger qualified candidates (**Action: NFSM Cell**)
- Video film on Bihar success story of highest production and productivity of rice needs to be circulated to other states (**Action: NFSM Cell/ Bihar state**)
- Feasibility of more active engagement with FAO should be explored for strengthening the management of the mission drawing upon the knowledge and technical expertise with FAO (**Action: NFSM Cell**)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair

ANNEXURE

List of Participants

1. Sh. Sharad Pawar, Agriculture Minister - Chairman
2. Sh. P.K. Basu, Secretary (A&C), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Dr. S.Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
4. Sh. Ashish Bahuguna, Special Secretary & FA, DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
5. Sh. G.C. Pati, Special Secretary, DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
6. Sh. Anup Kumar Thakur, Addl. Secretary, DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
7. Sh. Mukesh Khullar, Joint Secretary (Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Sh. Pravesh Sharma, Managing Director, SFAC, New Delhi
9. Sh. V.B. Sadamate, Adviser (Agriculture) Planning Commission, New Delhi
10. Sh. Arvinder Singh, Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Bihar, Patna
11. Mrs. A.Neeraja, Director (Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
12. Dr. Peter E.Kenmore, FAO Representative in India, 55, Lodi Estate, New Delhi
13. Dr. Anupam Barik, Addl. Commissioner (Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
14. Dr. D.P. Malik, Addl. Commissioner (Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
15. Sh. Thomas, Varghiese, Director (Extn.) DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
16. Dr. J.P. Mishra, OSD to Agriculture Commissioner, DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
17. Dr. J.P. Singh, Director (DMD), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
18. Sh. C.Y. Barapatre, Asstt. Commissioner (Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
19. Dr. M.N. Singh, Joint Director (NFSM), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
20. Sh. R. K. Tiwari, Dy. Commissioner (RFS), 114, D-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
21. Dr. S.S. Singh, National Consultant (NFSM), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
22. Sh. D.G. Gupta, National Consultant, DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
23. Dr. G.P. Gupta, National Consultant (PP), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
24. Sh. Shamsher Singh, National Consultant (Machinery), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, N. Delhi
25. Dr. Shankar Lal, National Consultant (Seeds), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
26. Dr. R.S. Malik, National Consultant (Agri.), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
27. Dr. Ashok Kumar Khanna, Programme Manager (BGREI), Krishi Bhawan, N. Delhi
28. Dr. S.K. Yadav, STA (Wheat), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
29. Dr. Hemlata Saini, STA (NFSM), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi