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Subject: Twelfth Meeting of the National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSMEC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) to be held on 3.6.2013 at 11.30 AM at Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Hall, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSM-EC) held on 3.6.2013 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) at 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 NFSMEC Meeting.

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Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSMEC) held on 3.6.2013 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C)

- 1) Twelfth Meeting of National Food Security Mission Executive Committee (NFSMEC) was held on 3.6.2013 at 11.30 AM under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) at Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Hall, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. List of participants is appended.
 - 2) Welcoming the participants, Joint Secretary (Crops) and Mission Director (NFSM) briefed the Committee about the agenda and the structure of the meeting by informing that it was essentially to review performance of Rabi crop season 2012-2013 and preparations for the ensuing kharif season 2013. He said that major food grains producing States would present the status of mission activities during the meeting.
 - 3) Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion and decisions.
- A. Approval of the minutes of the Eleventh NFSMEC Meeting**
- 4) Since no comments had been received from any member regarding the Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting held on 18th January, 2013, the minutes of meeting were approved.
- B. Review of compliance of action points of Eleventh NFSMEC Meeting held on 18.1.2013**
- 5) NFSMEC reviewed and noted the compliance of Action Points arising out of the decisions taken in 11th NFSMEC meeting.
- C. Ex-post facto approval**
- 6) Revised State Action Plans for 2012-13 under NFSM-Rice were approved for the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand, under NFSM-Wheat for the States of Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and under NFSM-Pulses for the States of Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
 - 7) Ex-post facto approval was accorded for continuation of NFSM contractual Staff (i) Consultant, Programme Manager, Technical Assistants and support staff (ii) PMTs at State and District level and (iii) 18 Technical Assistants (2 TAs each in 9 Crop Development Directorates) from 1.4.2013 to 30.9.2013.
 - 8) Ex-post facto approvals were accorded to the Action Plan for 2013-14 under NFSM for the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar,

Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.

D. Review of Kharif and Rabi crop production estimate 2012-13, implementation of NFSM during 2012-13 and strategy and planning for NFSM during 2013-14.

- 9) Officials of the invited States presented review of implementation of NFSM programme and also crop production estimates for the year 2012-13 and strategy/preparedness for the year 2013-14. Salient State-wise points emerging from discussions are given below:
- 10) **Andhra Pradesh:** The Commissioner Agriculture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh informed that over the past five years, area of rice in NFSM districts increased by 4.71% compared to 3.78% in non-NFSM districts. The yield increased in NFSM districts by 2.72% compared to 0.45% in non-NFSM districts of rice. The production of rice witnessed increase by 7.55% to 4.25% in non-NFSM districts. Similarly, Bengal gram and total pulses also recorded significant increase. Rice & pulses contributed about 77% of foodgrains production in the State. Pulses production increased from 14.48 lakh tons to about 17.93 lakh tons this year. Total foodgrains production was estimated at 176.06 lakh tons as against a normal of 189.08 lakh tons. Rice production was estimated to have reduced by about 22.00 lakh tons mainly due to reduction in area coverage due to drought by 4.37 lakh ha. He further informed that Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) technique was tried in 10,000 ha in 3 districts i.e. Guntur, Prakasham and Nellore. The technique was accepted by farmers as it saved water and the labour and cost of transplanting. About 5 lakh ha out of 24 lakh of paddy area was planned to be covered under DSR in the year 2013-14. However, the major constraints in SRI and DSR of rice cultivation related to weeds infestation -power weeder was very costly and cono-weeder was not effective tool for the control of weeds. Dr. Tandon suggested that use of pre-emergence weedicides was cost effective alternative and could be promoted along with power weeder or cono-weeder. State had started mechanized SRI and established 104 Centres in during 2012-13 which were getting popular with farmers.

Secretary (A&C) observed that in Andhra Pradesh in spite of NFSM programme, there was no increase in productivity of pulses. He enquired about the strategies to be undertaken for increase in the productivity of pulses for the year 2013-14. Commissioner Agriculture informed that State needs to made specific strategy for district/Taluka level to boost the pulse productivity and assured to share detailed plan with the SAU and ICAR scientists. Joint Secretary (Crops) said that despite concurrent evaluation conducted by State, it was still not clear as to what technologies worked and

what did not particularly in the lagging districts. He suggested that a more detailed intervention wise technical study should be undertaken to assess the efficacy of various technologies planned to be promoted under the Mission in 2013-14.

- 11) **Gujarat:** Director, Agriculture informed that the yield levels of rice, wheat and pulses had increased and were showing a rising trend. The financial targets under NFSM for the year 2012-13 were achieved. New initiatives relating to Knowledge and Agro -Services were undertaken to make farmers aware about the latest crop production technologies. The state was planning to promote ICRISAT's hybrids of Arhar. However, in spite of higher SRR, the low crop productivity was attained due to drought last year. It was suggested to the State that data record of all demonstrations should be used to analyze the impact of the demonstrations. State requested for consideration in 12th plan proposal of NFSM, relaxation in qualification of Consultants, inclusion of more districts under NFSM-Rice, inclusion of green manure, power tiller and mini harvester, nursery trays etc. and to be allowed inter-componental changes up to 50%.
- 12) **Madhya Pradesh:** Director, Agriculture presenting the crop production scenario, implementation of NFSM during 2012-13 and strategies for productivity enhancement for the year 2013-14 informed that there was visible increase in production and productivity of rice, wheat and pulse crops as a result of implementation of NFSM and RKVY in the State. Increase was stated to be primarily due to increase in seed replacement ratio as a result of promotion of quality seeds to the farmers. For the year 2013-14, the state proposed to expand area under summer moong up to 3 lakh ha. The State requested for the assistance on purchase of breeder seed and production of foundation and certified seed of pulses crops, subsidy on irrigation water saving devices up to 75%. He also requested enhancement of financial assistance to 75 % to SC/ST farmers under all GOI schemes so as to effectively utilize mandated budgeted amounts for these categories. It was further suggested that to overcome the problem of restrictive availability of phosphogypsum from IFFCO and PPL, some more companies should also be included under FCO. It was suggested to the State to explore the possibility of using bentonite sulphur which was equally cost effective source of sulphur as gypsum and phospho-gypsum.
- 13). **Maharashtra:** Director, Agriculture made presentation on crop production scenario, physical and financial progress under NFSM during 2012-13 as also strategies like promotion of BBF, 2% spray of Potassium Nitrate for increase in production and productivity of pulses under NFSM for the year 2013-14. The productivity of rice increased up to level of 27% in the NFSM districts over the base year of 2006-07 and that of Wheat by 702 kg/ha over the base level of 2006-07. The expenditure under NFSM during the year 2012-13 was Rs. 214.29 crores against allocation of Rs. 245.55 crores. Public Private

Partnership Projects on Pigeon Pea and Chickpea with Rallies (India) was being planned this year by pooling funds under NFSM and RKVY to cover an area of 35000 ha as against 17000 ha covered last year.

- 14). **Rajasthan:** Representative from the state said that efforts were taken for active promotion of pulses as inter-crop with maize and bajra to enhance the production and were primarily focused on strategies for creating rainwater harvesting structures like construction of farm ponds to provide protective irrigations.
- 15). **Tamilnadu:** Deputy Director, Agriculture presented the status of implementation of NFSM-rice and pulses in the state. The productivity of rice increased but in case of pulses there was no increase mainly due to drought situation in the state. He informed that the main focus in case of NFSM-rice would be use of nursery tray, weedicides, promotion of rice varieties i.e Swarna sub-1 in wet areas and Anna-4 in dry areas. In case of pulses, the main strategy would be transplantation of red gram, protective irrigation by sprinkler and rain gun, introduction of pulse wonder a growth promoter developed by TNAU; PPFM technology developed by TNAU for tiding over terminal moisture stress in rice crop particularly in Ramanathapuram and Sivagangai districts that were rainfed and faced prolonged dry spells, farm mechanization etc.
- 16) **Uttar Pradesh:** Representative from state highlighted the rising trend in the production and productivity of food grains crops due to adoption of interventions promoted under NFSM during XI Plan (2006-07 to 2011-12).The increase in production of rice and pulses was attained in 2012-13 as well. The State focused on the interventions i.e. timely supply of inputs, varietal replacement, line sowing, hybrid rice and promotion of drum seeder for DSR. All necessary arrangements had been made to ensure timely supply of required quantity of seeds, soil ameliorants, and micro-nutrients. State had prepared a calendar to monitor the supply of inputs in time to the farmers. The state requested to relax condition of less than 10 year old varieties of rice and wheat, inclusion of all the districts under NFSM. It was suggested that the financial provision made under the NFSM cluster demonstrations should be inter-changeable to meet site specific needs.
- 17) **Jammu & Kashmir:** Representative from state informed that tractor should be included under Farm Machinery head to overcome the problem of farm power in the state. Secretary (A & C) clarified that such assistance was not allowed under NFSM programme however, custom hiring module under Local initiatives could be explored.
- 18) **Punjab:** Director, agriculture informed that DSR was being promoted for rice and basmati rice in the state to save water and energy. About 60000 ha area under summer moong was covered during the year 2012-13 and cultivation of summer moong would be extended to larger area during 2013-14.

- 19) **NCIPM:** Principal Investigator A3P made presentation on application of IPM module for enhancing production and productivity of Chick Pea, Pigeon pea, Mung, Urdbean and Lentil as pulses were more prone to biotic stresses arising from pest attack and diseases. He outlined mitigation strategies for key production constraints and proposed that research would be initiated to address the problems of leaf webber (maruca) sterility mosaic disease(SMD) that had increased incidence reported in recent years. He also narrated short and long term benefits of establishment of e-pest surveillance at village, district, State and National Level. Chairman asked NCIPM to involve officials of targeted pulse growing states, keep liaison with Agriculture Production Commissioner for successful implementation of e-pest surveillance related work. Joint Secretary (Crops) also suggested organizing trainings of officials of state department of agriculture of assigned states on e-pest surveillance and IPM module.

E. Other observations

- 20) Dr. J.P. Tandon stated that short trainings of demonstrations were required on application of IPM module on farmer' fields. The varieties not performing well should not be included in cluster demonstrations. Seed rolling plans should be prepared by the states for promotion of recently released varieties in demonstrations. The cultivation of summer moong should be promoted especially in areas having assured water availability.
- 21) Dr. Sain Dass suggested promotion of public sector hybrid seeds of rice to reduce dependency on private hybrid Seeds and cautioned against promotion of un-notified hybrids.
- 22) Joint Secretary (Crops) suggested that States should plan well in advance for large scale seed production of summer moong.
- 23) Agriculture Commissioner stressed upon need for promotion of soil moisture conservation technologies, use of micro-nutrients and implementation of IPM technology. He further suggested promoting centrally released varieties particularly in Southern states for bridging the yield gap.
- 24) Chairman in his concluding remarks stated that States should organize separate crop specific meetings in major producing districts for distilling appropriate interventions for bridging the gap between potential and actual yield realized by farmers. The agronomic practices of crops should also be reoriented accordingly. He further asked States to assess the contribution of different interventions in crop yields and forge technical backstopping arrangements with ICAR/SAUs on the lines of BGREI program. Chairman stressed the need for more focused work in low productivity districts rather than demanding inclusion of other districts and diluting the focus of programme. About relaxation of qualifications of Technical Assistants,

Chairman suggested that candidates should at least have post graduate science degree but preference should be given to those graduating with Agriculture sciences. He asked Crops Division to be more pragmatic while prescribing qualifications for appointment of contractual staff under NFSM in the 12th Five Year Plan.

F. Action Points

- 1) Data in respect of all cluster demonstrations should be compiled and analyzed to assess the impact of interventions included in the demonstrations. **(Action: All States)**
- 2) Action Plans should be prepared based on the successes achieved with interventions in different agro ecologies. **(Action: All States)**
- 3) Authenticated district-wise population census data should be used for any revision to allocation of SC/ST funds under NFSM. States should check rural/urban distribution particularly of SC population. **(Action: All States)**
- 4) Detailed Action Plan for promotion of DSR in the rice-wheat cropping system should be submitted under NFSM-Wheat for timely release of funds. **(Action: NFSM-Wheat States)**
- 5) Assistance for hiring charges for water saving devices proposed under local initiatives component of NFSM may be excluded **(Action: Tamil Nadu State)**
- 6) Information should be compiled and shared by Maharashtra State, on number of farmers benefitted, technologies demonstrated and their impact, under PPP project with Rallis India on pigeon pea and chickpea. **(Action: Maharashtra State)**
- 7) State should commission concurrent technical studies to monitor the efficacy of promoted technologies under NFSM and their impact on yield **(Action: All States)**

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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