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Subject: Minutes of the Regional Workshop on NFSM in Uttar Pradesh held on 28.08.2009 at Lucknow under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Commissioner-Regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Regional Workshop on NFSM in Uttar Pradesh held on 28.08.2009 at Lucknow under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Commissioner for information and necessary action.

The receipt of the letter may kindly be acknowledged.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF NFSM WORKSHOP in U.P.HELD AT LUCKNOW ON
28th August, 2009**

One day review workshop on implementation of NFSM was held at Lucknow on 28th August under the chairmanship of Agriculture Commissioner. The list of the participants attended the workshop is at **Annexure-I**. Director of Agriculture, U.P welcomed the participants.

Inaugural Session:

1. Agriculture Commissioner, GOI highlighted the scope for increase in production and productivity of food grains in U.P. and Bihar. He also advised for timely engagement of Project Management staff and district-wise critical analysis of productivity. He indicated that publicity component should be looked into carefully & thoroughly so that the programme could be conveyed to the grass root level. A booklet/handout/leaflet should also be distributed among farmers regarding the interventions and facilities available under NFSM components. He also desired that the baseline survey should be sent to Govt. of India at the earliest.
2. Principal Secretary (Agriculture) U.P.Govt., in his address acknowledged the timely execution and implementation of NFSM. Emphasizing the crucial role of NFSM in the present scenario he requested the state officials to re-motivate themselves for better implementation of the scheme by analyzing the micro level implementation problems. He called for identification and analysis of low performing Blocks, Nyay Panchayats and Gram Panchayats to solve the problems at grass root level effectively. GOI was requested to consider differential rate of subsidy for Uttar Pradesh keeping in view the state conditions. Increased MSP to the farmer to avoid conversion of pulses to cereals was highlighted and the need for Blue bulls control was emphasised. Tax holidays and Incentives to the Technology-Drivers was stressed upon so that the manufactures of agriculture machinery would be encouraged to take-up the activities as per need of the farmers.
3. Director, Directorate of Sugarcane Development, GOI presented vote of thanks.

Technical Session:

1. Importance of vertical interaction for two-way Learning was emphasised by Director (Crops). Keeping in view the importance of the state of U.P both in terms of its potential as well as its share in fund allocation, the state was expected to excel in the implementation of NFSM. The need for documentation of results of minikits performance, demonstrations was highlighted. Advance Planning for Rabi by incorporating possible additional areas was advised. Timely completion of baseline survey reports/ Concurrent evaluation was reiterated.

2. Mission Director, U.P informed the progress, performance, of all the three components of the mission activities in U.P.
 - a. During kharif season nearly 70% rice area is covered both in NFSM and non-NFSM districts. The estimated crop damage is expected to the tune of 30-35% in case of rice. Where as in case of pulses, nearly 108% is the coverage under NFSM districts and 82% under non NFSM districts. The total average coverage under pulses is 93%. The estimated losses / crop damage is to the extent of 15-20% in case of pulses.
 - b. Additional target under minikits, demonstrations (wheat) and sprinkler sets, DAP, Rhizobium culture (Pulses) to an extent of Rs 26.73 crores was projected by the state. This would be adjusted from the funds available with the state. It was informed that the details of the additional areas that could be covered would be intimated shortly.
 - c. Consumption of seeds was higher in 08-09 in NFSM districts compared to non NFSM. During 09-10, the demand and consumption of machinery was reported to be increased.
 - d. Under local initiatives, funds were provided to SAUs of Kanpur, Allahabad, Faizabad, Meerut for creating and Developing Necessary infrastructures for the Production of Breeder and foundation Seeds
 - e. State was asked to send the soft copy of documentation results of minikits/ demonstrations.
 - f. State suggested assistance for Mobile Processing Unit & Mini Dal Mills on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis, Component of seed production linked block demonstration, suitable model of seed drill for Pulses for Bundel khand Region.
3. Dy. Director, Barabanki explained the progress of wheat component the district. It was informed that the distribution of micronutrients increased from 34 MT to 55.25 MT and Gypsum from 750 MT to 2653 MT after execution of mission. SSR of wheat seed increased from 16.52 – 21.5 and traditional broadcasting of wheat is getting replaced by line sowing (35-38%) after mission implementation. NPK ratio was 12:4:1 earlier and now the ratio is changed to 5:2:1. After execution of mission use of all farm machinery increased.
4. Consultant-NFSM, Banda district sighted increasing adoption of SRI in the district; increased rice production by 25% in SRI areas; increased coverage under pulses and increased demand of agriculture machinery such as seed drills and Rotavators – as the contributions of NFSM in the district
5. Consultant, Raibareilly presented a concise report on paddy component and gave a detailed report on success stories of farmers who have adopted SRI, agriculture machinery etc.

6. Representative of NIC, New Delhi explained the role of MIS under NFSM implementation, monitoring and reporting system. Director, Directorate of Pulse development, GOI, Bhopal Presented the situation of ISOPOM implementation status in UP.
7. Scientist from State Agricultural University, Faizabad presented a detailed account on efforts of SAU for promotion of Swarna sub-1 & Kala Namak (drought resistant rice varieties) under local initiative component of NFSM. These varieties are notified by GOI.
8. The main discussion points of open session are as follows:
 - a. State requested for diversion of targets from power weeders, Multicrop planters Rotavators, Pump sets, Foot Sprayer, Knapsack Sprayer. It was clarified that state is permitted for 20% inter-componental change and additional inter-componental changes could be made after the approval of GOI /NFSM Cell.
 - b. State demanded for seed production linked block demonstrations under pulses. State was assured about the impending implementation of Accelerated pulses projects which is under formulation.
 - c. For curbing the blue bull problem in pulses areas, state was asked to submit Project on control of blue bull for getting assistance under NFSM pulses.
 - d. Against the request of providing higher subsidy for some of the components such as rotavators, state was advised to explore the possibility of arranging matching state funds.
 - e. State was informed about the relaxation made in use of notified seeds in the current year, in view of prevailing drought condition.
 - f. The request for revision in the seed distribution targets in the coming Rabi was agreed upon. However, it was informed that the additional targets could be met from savings available with the state. State was advised to tie up with seed producing agencies for timely availability of seeds. Regarding implementation of seed bank scheme, the state was asked to submit proposal to Seed division, Gol.

- g.** Hiring of PMT through service providers at Commissionerate level was intimated. State was cautioned against deduction of service charges from the honorarium of the concerned Consultant/TAs. In case of retired persons, the possibility of engaging the PMT independent of service provider was suggested.
 - h.** Soil testing before taking up remedial measures to understand the cause of wilt disease of gram in the district of Banda was suggested. Dr.Lal, national Consultant was asked to attend the wilt problem highlighted by the district.
- 9.** The main recommendations based on the deliberations of the workshop are as follows:
- 1. State should prepare district Rabi plans with special emphasis on additional areas to be brought in. Technical and budgetary support from GoI level could be provided for preparation and implementation of these plans, if required.
 - 2. State could utilise the unutilized funds available under rice component for wheat/pulses during Rabi under intimation to GOI. State should submit revised action plan for Rabi. State should submit the proposal for enhanced inter-componental change (beyond the provision of 20%) to GOI for the current rabi season
 - 3. Publicity campaign about the mission amongst farming community should be taken up at taluk / village level through wall painting, posters for disseminating the information on NFSM.
 - 4. The qualitative aspect of Farmer's Field School (FFS) intervention of the mission needs to be given special attention by the state.
 - 5. It was suggested to ensure the timely availability, quality of inputs such as micronutrients before placing it in distribution chain. Ridge and furrow cultivation of pulses was suggested for moisture conservation.
 - 6. The vacant posts of PMT provided under the mission may be filled up at the earliest, for the better implementation of the mission and its objectives.
 - 7. SAMETI should forward the figures of interest accrued so far which was already submitted by state agriculture department
 - 8. State should make efforts for the Hybrid rice seed production with the help of SAUs and State Seed Corporation.

The Workshop was concluded with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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