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Subject: Proceedings of the workshop on National Food Security Mission-Rice for the North Eastern States held at Agartala on 21st- 22nd June, 2012- Regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the workshop on National Food Security Mission-Rice for the North Eastern States held at Agartala on 21st- 22nd June, 2012 for information and necessary action.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

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**Proceedings of the workshop on National Food Security Mission-Rice for the
North Eastern States held at Agartala on 21st- 22nd June, 2012**

1. A two day Workshop on “National Food Security Mission (NFSM) – Rice in North Eastern States” was organized on 21-22 June, 2012 at Agartala, Tripura to familiarize the States with the guidelines of the scheme. The Agenda of the Workshop and the list of participants is **attached**.
2. On the first day of the workshop, the States were briefed regarding the guidelines and the reporting, monitoring and evaluation related modalities of the Mission. The preparedness of the States with respect to the action plans under NFSM-Rice was also reviewed.
3. The second day of the Workshop was essentially for interaction with the officials of the States in the region. Welcoming the participants, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura thanked Gol for including Tripura under NFSM-Rice. Highlighting the relevance of the programme to the developmental efforts of the States, he stressed the need for bridging the gap between consumption demand and local production of rice.
4. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura narrated the achievements of the State in the agriculture sector, especially the progress achieved under SRI in recent times. He stressed the need for enhancing farm income through crop diversification and to motivate the youth to take up agriculture, considering the limited opportunity for alternate employment in other sectors like industry. He also emphasized the need for involvement of SHGs in farm sector for effective transfer of knowledge and farm mechanization to make agriculture more efficient.
5. Secretary (A&C), Govt. of India thanked State Govt. for organizing the workshop in Agartala. Keeping in view the inherent constraints of the region, he urged the State Governments to take advantage of liberal financial support under various schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, Horticulture Mission, etc for building requisite agriculture infrastructure and institutions in order to achieve their objectives of attaining food self sufficiency and income enhancement for farmers. He felt that detailed planning with definite deliverables/ outcomes and documentation of the results should become integral part of mission implementation so that assessment of reasons for success / failure could be analysed and good examples could be replicated at other places.
6. Presenting a summary of the proceedings of day one, Director Crops informed that the States were apprised of the guidelines for implementation of National Food Security Mission, monitoring mechanism, fund management aspects and online web based MIS data entry operations. The progress of mission implementation especially input planning and supply position in states and budget release position was also highlighted. **The issues that emerged from the discussion in the meeting and follow up action required were shared.**

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7. The representative of NABARD stated that one lakh KCC (Kisan Credit Card) were distributed during 2011-12 in Tripura. A target for distribution of 3 lakh KCCs was fixed for 2012-13. Nearly 170 farmers clubs had been established for promotion of agricultural activities. SHGs were involved in loan distribution. Distribution of loans to the farmers of the region in the clusters identified under the Mission program would be taken up on priority. Involvement of reputed NGOs in custom hiring of agricultural machinery and possibility of extending SRI program to all NE states were suggested.
8. The representative of NSC stated that required quantity of seeds demanded by Nagaland had been supplied. He said that indents from other states were yet to be received by NSC. States raised the issue of non declaration of seed price list by NSC because of which they were unable to place indents for seed supply. Secretary (A&C) directed NSC to immediately provide seed price list to the States to facilitate timely procurement of seeds by them. Cautioning against the possibility of spurious seed supply, he urged the States to plan and implement seed rolling plans for producing or contracting quality seeds instead of following an annual tendering process for meeting the requirement. He asked States to identify 2-3 suitable varieties of rice and develop a seed chain for the seed of those varieties
9. Director (Research) from Central Agricultural University presented a SWOT analysis of rice cultivation in North Eastern States. He presented different interventions developed by the University suitable to different agro ecologies and situations for achieving higher rice productivity in the region.
10. Shri Mukesh Khullar, Joint Secretary (Crops) stressed the need for detailed planning and proper documentation while implementing the mission program. He encouraged the States to use the web site of NFSM which was very informative and facilitated closer interaction up to District level. Appreciating the technical aspects presented by Central Agriculture University on suitable rice technologies for NE states, he emphasized the need to include those technologies in the Mission interventions for enhancing rice production.
11. Summing up, OSD to Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India stressed on the need for proper seed production planning and implementation and promotion of farm machinery and adoption of available technologies to increase production and productivity of rice in the region. He suggested oilseed development in rice fallows instead of pulses since mortality of pulses crops was a concern in the predominant acidic soils of the region.

12. The following action points emerged at the end of two day long workshop:

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1	Rice is staple food in NE states. Gap exists between demand and production / availability of rice in the states.	NFSM is a target oriented programme and promotes new production and protection technologies. States should implement the programme in letter and spirit for enhancing the production of rice in the region to fulfill demand.																
2	Investment under NFSM should have commensurate deliverables in terms of outcomes i.e. production.	<p>The following production targets are fixed for the states for the year 2012-13:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="873 632 1458 1045"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="873 632 1146 716">State</th> <th data-bbox="1146 632 1458 716">Target (in lakh tons)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="873 716 1146 758">Tripura</td> <td data-bbox="1146 716 1458 758">6 .8</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="873 758 1146 800">Nagaland</td> <td data-bbox="1146 758 1458 800">3.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="873 800 1146 842">Manipur</td> <td data-bbox="1146 800 1458 842">4.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="873 842 1146 884">Mizoram</td> <td data-bbox="1146 842 1458 884">0.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="873 884 1146 926">Meghalaya</td> <td data-bbox="1146 884 1458 926">1.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="873 926 1146 968">Sikkim</td> <td data-bbox="1146 926 1458 968">0.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="873 968 1146 1045">Arunachal Pradesh</td> <td data-bbox="1146 968 1458 1045">1.5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	State	Target (in lakh tons)	Tripura	6 .8	Nagaland	3.49	Manipur	4.0	Mizoram	0.7	Meghalaya	1.94	Sikkim	0.25	Arunachal Pradesh	1.5
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3	Establishment of administrative/ monitoring structures under NFSM- Constitution of state/ district level committees and monitoring committees.	States to complete constitution of SFSMEC, DFSMEC and monitoring committees as prescribed in the guidelines by 2nd week of July and inform NFSM cell, DAC.																
4	Sensitizing staff and farmers about NFSM programme and technologies suitable for the region.	NFSM cell to plan technical workshops for states in consultation with CAU, Imphal; states to print and circulate NFSM guidelines in local language; and conduct Farmers trainings																
5	Need for reducing the seed targets due to shortfall in availability and more focus on mechanization in the plans.	States to revise action plans in consultation with DJD – more emphasis on farm mechanization. – revised plans by 1st week of July																
6	Need for promotion of farmer friendly machinery suitable for the region in view of increasing labour cost. Demand for transplanter, harvesters etc.	Promotion of custom hiring of transplanter, harvesters in 10% of the cluster demonstrations with the involvement of farmer clubs/ SHGs/ NGOs on pilot basis. DAC to allocate physical and financial targets; States to make arrangements accordingly.																
7	Less than 20% area is irrigated. Need to promote suitable technology and develop irrigation sources.	The direct seeded rice demonstrations promoted under NFSM are well suited to the needs of the region. Under Local initiatives, States may take up activities involving water conservation.																

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8	Unavailability of required quantity of seed varieties suitable for the region and inability to indent due to non availability of price list.	<p>Long term strategy- Preparation and implementation of seed rolling plans as per requirement in collaboration with national and state seed corporations.</p> <p>Short term strategy: States to arrange meeting with seed corporations and procure seeds from seed corporations (NSC, SFCI); NSC and SFCI to provide price list and varieties available to states immediately; States to indent seed from Tripura, if required, for next year.</p>
9	Looking at the geographical difficulties of the region, separate allocation for travelling and other miscellaneous activities to be considered.	<p>NFSM cell to make allocations under Miscellaneous and LI. Amount under miscellaneous expenditure to be utilised for PoL, baseline survey, publicity etc.</p> <p>States to prepare plans for local initiatives as per allocation and get approval of National Mission Director. Plans should be based on recommendations of SREP of the states</p>
10	Increase in seed subsidy for HYV, Hybrids since the seed cost is very high.	Increased seed subsidy is proposed in revamped NFSM plan for 12 th plan. State could consider topping up of NFSM subsidies from State Plan.
11	Jhum Cultivation in forest as well as rice areas is a problem; Interventions for Stabilizing Jhum required.	NFSM cell to allocate targets based on Jhum area in the states for Pilot projects in selected cluster demonstration areas for promotion of indigenous glutinous rice varieties or any other special plans as per the suggestions of the states
12	High transport cost of inputs – such as lime, dolomite etc.	States may consider developing separate plans under RKVY to meet the cost of transporting inputs to the States. Seed subsidy provided under NFSM should be utilized for seed component only.
13	Training to the state officials/ data entry level on MIS of NFSM.	NIC to develop training schedule for data entry operators and state officials on MIS data entry by 2 nd week of July. Trainings to be completed by September, 2012. States to provide names of persons to be trained to NIC by 1 st week of July.
14	Use of rice fallows for crop diversification.	NFSM cell/ states to initiate action for pulses in areas where the acidity is less; in more acidic areas cultivation of oilseeds crops should be tried

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15	Baseline information on status of the district/ block before implementation of NFSM.	States to complete the baseline survey and send the information to NFSM cell in the prescribed format by September, 2012. Funds under Miscellaneous Expenditure could be used for completing the survey
16	Soil acidity is major issue.	Reclamation of soil by lime application or use of paper mill sludge as in case of Orissa and Jharkhand; States are provided funds for soil reclamation through use of lime and liming material under NFSM
17	Credit facility to farmers.	NABARD should take lead in extending credit facility to the farmers of cluster demonstrations in NFSM areas. The scheme of SRI should be extended to other NE States also.
18	Contingency planning.	States to prepare contingency crop plans for any deficient or excessive rainfall in the region.
State Specific Issues		
	Sikkim- State is declared as organic state. Incentives for promotion of vermicompost are required.	Apart from other regular schemes of the Department, under local initiatives component of NFSM, State can take up this activity with the approval of National Mission Director.
	Mizoram- potential of wet rice cultivation and terrace cultivation in the state.	Wet rice cultivation requires land development and is costly also. State is already implementing land development project with RKVY funds. State may take up cluster demonstration in the areas where land development is already done.
	Manipur- Release of funds for procurement of inputs.	Allocated amount has already been released to State.
	Tripura- higher amount of subsidy on hybrid rice and transport subsidy on lime. Promotion of Pulses in Rice fallows.	Dovetailing of schemes is suggested to meet the cost of inputs. States may consider developing separate plans under RKVY to meet the transport cost of lime/ or may try paper sludge. Instead of pulses, state should go for oilseeds in the rice fallows because of high acidity.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

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Minute to Minute Programme of Two Day Workshop on 21st & 22nd June, 2012 comprising of One Day Preliminary Meeting with Officials of Crops Division of DAC on 21st June, 2012 and One Day Awareness Workshop of National Food Security Mission-Rice under the Chairmanship of Secretary (A&C) on 22nd June, 2012 for the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

VENUE: PRAGNA BHAWAN, Pandit Nehru Complex (Gorkha Basti) Agartala, Tripura-799005

Time	Particulars of Topic	Address By
Date: 21.06.2012		
11.00 to 11.20 hrs.	Online data submission through MIS on NFSM website	Shri S. Balasunder, PSA, NIC, New Delhi.
11.20 to 11.40 hrs.	Power Point Presentation on Technical aspects of NFSM implementation during 2012-13.	Dr. D. P. Malik, Additional Commissioner (Crops)
11.40 to 12.00 hrs	Presentation of NFSM Guidelines and Fund Management	Dr. Anupam Barik, Additional Commissioner (Crops), GOI
12.00 to 12.30 hrs.	Tea Break	
12.30 to 13.30 hrs.	Presentation by States on Action Plan and preparatory Arrangement made for Supply of critical Inputs (30 minutes each)	Arunachal Pradesh Manipur
13.30 to 14.30 hrs.	Lunch Break	
14.30 to 17.00 hrs.	Presentation by States contd...	Meghalaya Mizoram Nagaland Sikkim Tripura
17.00 to 17.30 hrs.	Open Discussion	
Date: 22.06.2012		
10.00 to 10.05 hrs	Welcome Address	Principal Secretary (Agriculture)
10.05 to 10.10hrs	Agricultural Development in Tripura	Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura
10.10 to 10.20 hrs.	Introductory Remarks	Secretary (A&C)
10.20 to 11.00 hrs.	Outcome of the Preliminary Meeting	Director (Crops), GOI
11.00 to 11.30 hrs.	Tea Break	
11.30 to 12.00 hrs.	Presentation by NABARD on Loan facility to cluster farmers of NFSM demonstrations and other crop development programmes.	Representative of NABARD
12.00 to 12.20 hrs.	Presentation on Rice Strategies in NE States	Director Research, Central Agricultural University, Imphal.
12.20 to 12.40 hrs	Open Discussions with other Stakeholders	
12.40 to 12.50 hrs.	Scope of Pulses in Rice fallow land in NE States.	OSD to Agriculture Commissioner
12.50 to 13.00 hrs.	Planning and documentation for NFSM-Rice	Joint Secretary (Crops)
13.00 to 13.10 hrs.	Concluding Remarks	Secretary (A&C)
13.10 to 13.20 hrs.	Vote of Thanks	Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of Tripura.
13.20 to 14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00 hrs. onward	Local Field Visit & Interaction with Farmers	
Date: 23.06.2012		
9.00 to 13.00 hrs.	Field Visit of Secretary (A&C)	
13.00 to 14.00	Lunch Break	

