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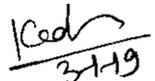
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meetings held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (MIDH) to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-reg.

Minutes of the meetings chaired by Shri Dinesh Kumar, Joint Secretary (MIDH) on 20.11.2018, 26.11.2018 and 28.11.2018 to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19 for the States of Mizoram, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Goa, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Meghalaya and Uttarakhand are enclosed.

You are requested to take necessary action and send compliance report by 10.01.2019.

Encl: as above


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(i) All the participants from the respective States

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Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November, 2018 with States of Mizoram, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Goa, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Kumar, Joint Secretary (MIDH) on 20.11.2018 to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19 for the States of Mizoram, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Goa, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. List of participants is at Annexure.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants and requested to make the presentation regarding the progress made during the current financial year. Presentations were made by the representatives of State Governments and decisions taken during the course of the meeting/discussion are summarized below:

1. Mizoram:

The Chair advised the SHM on the following:-

- SHM to submit a proposal for availing the freight subsidy for selling fruits/Vegetables outside the State through flight as a new component so that the same could be examined for introduction.
- To establish gravity operated rope facility for transportation of horticulture produce in hilly parts.
- CoE in the State should develop package of practices for dragon fruit as well as produce planting material for dragon fruit.
- To visit other States to study their models on protected cultivation.

2. Goa:

The Chair advised the SHM on the following:-

- State should explore the State potential for growing Cashew.
- To submit the proposal for 2nd installment at the earliest.
- To utilize SC funds in the activities like trainings, mushrooms, beekeeping and other activities.

3. Telangana:

The Chair advised the SHM on the following:-

- Funds are yet to be released by the State Finance Department. Therefore, DO letter to Chief Secretary for release of funds from State treasury to be send.
- To submit the revised AAP 2018-19 including the committed liabilities of previous years amounting to Rs. 19.06 crores.
- COEs in the State should be accredited by ASCI and to be used for training purpose.

- State needs to ensure that pack houses should be in the farmer's field not in the residential areas.
- To identify Aromatic plants of the region and include it in the AAP.
- To identify 2-3 districts with high potential of turmeric and make cluster of that. The clusters must be export oriented also.
- Explaining the concept of cluster i.e., to link crop to market, State advised to develop a model regarding the same.
- The State can make Mango and Okra cluster. Also introduce new varieties and pest/disease control measures for these.

4. **Uttar Pradesh:**

The Chair advised the SHM on the following:-

- SHM to send the balance sheet and stock details of Potato in the State.
- To get COEs Accredited by ASCI and use it for training purpose.
- To send proposal for seeking remaining amount of the 2nd installment along with the Audited UC and physical progress.
- To explore export possibilities of Mango in coordination with APEDA.
- State may send farmers to the progressive States, e.g., Maharashtra/ Gujarat to gain knowledge about primary / minimal processing of fruits specially mango.
- To research on Aromatic plants that can be grown in the State and support in marketing for farmers who are already growing. State should also support for the processing units of the aromatic produce.
- To give more emphasis on PHM and refer vans instead of area expansion.

5. **Tamil Nadu:**

The Chair advised the SHM on the following:-

- To spend unspent funds and send proposal for 2nd installment by 1st week of December.
- To import planting material of Cashew from the States like Odisha & Maharashtra.
- To get survey done for actual damage made by Gaza cyclone and submit the proposal for Special package for revival of Banana, cashew and coconut crops.
- To Submit AUC immediately.
- To utilize the funds of first release and submit proposal for seeking 75% of the second installment.
- If the State has unspent funds under SCSP & TSP components, it should be clearly brought in release proposal mentioning that SCSP fund is already available with the State therefore, funds only under the general category is to be released.

6. Rajasthan:

The Chair advised the SHM on the following:-

- To send proposal for 50% of the allocated budget i.e 45 Cr. and should also submit a request for funds in general category in the month of November only.
- To check how income is coming to accounts of three COEs in State and report to Ministry if the revenue is going to Govt.

7. West Bengal:

State was asked to send draft MOU between the State Govt. and Keventers.

- The State was advised to study how the State can strengthen the Banana cluster well equipped with pack houses and marketing facilities for export purposes.
- State was asked to send cluster details afresh.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November, 2018 with States of Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim and Chhattisgarh to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Kumar, Joint Secretary (MIDH) on 26.11.2018 to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19 for the States of Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim and Chhattisgarh. List of participants is at Annexure.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants and requested to make the presentation regarding the progress made during the current financial year. Presentations were made by the representatives of State Governments and decisions taken during the course of the meeting/discussion are summarized below:

1. Assam:

- Funds are yet to be released by the State Finance Department. Therefore, DO letter to Chief Secretary for release of funds from State treasury to be sent.
- The Chair advised to select few clusters and develop FPOs therein.
- It was advised to promote processable varieties of tomato and potato which are acceptable by the industry. The Banana processable variety is available with NRC for Banana located at Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu.
- The Chair advised SHM to send 10-15 farmers to Karnataka for exposure visit to learn about primary processing units for Cashew.

2. Chhattisgarh:

The Chair advised the SHM on the following:-

- To submit Audited Utilisation Certificate (AUC) and proposal for 2nd installment by 10th December.
- To send the model and the cost of Plug Type vegetable nursery so that it can be circulated to other States for their learning/adoption.
- To promote cashew clusters in the State.
- Assistant Commissioner (SKK) need to call a meeting for developing a model of small refer vans of 2MT with private companies in view of demand from States.

3. Tripura:

- State was directed to correct the AUC certificate and send the report to the Ministry.
- Funds are yet to be released by the State Finance Department. Therefore, DO letter to Chief Secretary for release of funds from State treasury to be sent.

4. Manipur:

- Funds are yet to be released by the State Finance Department. Therefore, DO letter to Chief Secretary for release of funds from State treasury is to be issued.
- The State was asked to utilize flexi fund first, for promotion of activities under MIDH guidelines instead of asking for additional funds.

5. Sikkim:

- In view of the State's request for more demand in protected cultivation, State was requested to send the proposal for inter-component changes.
- It was informed that emerging fruits like avocado can be promoted in AAP 2019-20.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November, 2018 with States of Bihar, Meghalaya and Uttarakhand to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Kumar, Joint Secretary (MIDH) on 28.11.2018 to review the progress of MIDH scheme for the year 2018-19 for the States of Bihar, Meghalaya and Uttarakhand. List of participants is at Annexure.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants and requested to present the progress made during the current financial year. Progress made was informed by the representatives of State Governments and decisions taken during the course of the meeting/discussion are summarized below:-

1. Bihar:

- The Chair advised the SHM to promote the Plug type nurseries in the State.
- It was advised that the unspent balance of the previous year available with the State can also be utilized for the activities of the current year i.e. 2018-19.
- It was advised that Onion storage structures should be promoted on farm.
- The Chair advised the SHM to tie up with FPOs to linkup with existing brands like SAFAL, SUDHA for promotion of Litchi honey etc.
- The Chair asked to submit AUC and proposal for 2nd release by 15th December.

2. Meghalaya:

- It was advised that the unspent balance of the previous year available with the State can also be utilized for the activities of the current year i.e. 2018-19.
- Department informed that some funds prior to 2017-18 are still available with the State, it was therefore requested to send the proposal for its re-validation.
- Funds are yet to be released by the State Finance Department. Therefore, DO letter to Chief Secretary for release of funds from State treasury is to be issued.
- SHM was directed to submit the details of beneficiaries in respect of Spill over achievement reported by the State.

3. Uttarakhand:

- The Chair asked to submit the proposal for 2nd release by 10th December.
- State was advised to focus on 4-5 big clusters of fruits/vegetables and find the gaps and fulfil under the MIDH guidelines.

Apart from the above, the following directions were also given by the JS (MIDH):

- a. All the States were requested to send details of no. of people trained and gainfully employed in Horticulture and update the same on web-portal.

- b. All the States were requested to send the updated status on progress of clusters.
- c. To ensure updating of data on DBT as otherwise further release may be difficult to the States.
- d. All the States were requested to promote aromatic plants as per the budget announcement for 2018-19.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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