

Minutes of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary on 06.09.2016 to assess the implementation of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) during XII Plan period

The review meeting on progress of RKVY implementation in major 11 states was held on 6th September, 2016 under the chairmanship of Secretary, DAC&FW at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. Except Andhra Pradesh rest ten States participated in the meeting. The lists of participants are at Annexure.

1. On the onset, Additional Secretary (RKVY) welcomed the participants and briefed about the objective of the review meeting as to assess the progress made by the states on various issues mentioned in the agenda.
2. Secretary, DAC&FW in his opening remarks emphasized the importance of RKVY scheme in accelerating the growth of agriculture with increased investment in agriculture and allied sector and acknowledged the contribution of States in effective implementation of RKVY during XIth and XIIth Plan. He urged the states to be communicative, proactive and work in tandem with DAC&FW so that the desired goals of farmers' welfare and agriculture growth could be achieved. He stressed up on the need to reorient the scheme in the coming years to be in sync with the present scenario of policy changes and changing priorities in agriculture and allied sector. He encouraged the states to adopt farmer centric approaches under RKVY that would empower farmers to risk mitigation through skill development and could fetch additional alternate income to them. He urged the states to adopt focused approach and utilize the autonomy provided under RKVY to fill in the gaps existing in agriculture and allied sectors in the states for the betterment of the farmers. He stressed on the absolute need of planning the agriculture development strategies with a long term vision for overall agriculture growth in the country.
3. Joint Secretary (RKVY) in her presentation highlighted the overall performance of scheme both in terms of financial and physical progress made in the past one decade. The laudable initiatives taken up by the states were appreciated. The attention of the states was drawn towards the observations made in performance audit report of CAG and were cautioned against bulky

unplanned proposals, duplication of projects under different schemes, late SLSC meetings leading to late releases, project implementation without SLSC approval, delay in submission of UCs and lack of monitoring of the projects taken up under RKVY. States were sensitised about importance of resource assessment and gap analysis at project planning stage for preparation of meaningful Detailed Project Reports (DPR) that would help states in better implementation of the projects. States were asked to focus on financial and time management for timely release of funds and execution of projects in the field. Monitoring and Evaluation stages were suggested to be inseparable part of project management under RKVY. The following important points and suggestions emerged during the presentation:

- Bihar and Uttar Pradesh were not released funds towards second instalment of 2015-16 and first instalment during current financial year due to huge unspent balances of 2012-13 and 2013-14 available with the states. Chairman directed both the States to expedite submission of UCs so that funds could be released to them. Principal Secretary Agriculture, UP informed that the UC for Rs. 50.00crores would be submitted within 10 days and requested for release of funds under the scheme including sub-scheme BGREI.
- States were requested to expedite the third party evaluation of 25% projects implemented under RKVY. States of Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra informed that 25% projects were given to the agencies identified for evaluation. While Odisha, UP and Maharashtra were requested to finish the evaluation and send the study reports to Gol, other States were requested to take similar action.
- Importance of data entry into RDMIS as a tool for monitoring was stressed upon and states were asked to attend the RDMIS training sessions to be conducted on 7th-9th September. States of Bihar, U.P were asked to upload data of the projects of 2015-16 and 2016-17 to RD MIS
- Additional Secretary (RKVY) clarified that research proposals under RKVY should be submitted after obtaining approval from ICAR. States

were suggested to look into the practical /field applicability of the research study before putting up for SLSC.

- Chairman desired that states should take corrective actions against the points observed by CAG in its performance report on implementation of RKVY in 11th plan. He suggested the states to explore the possibility of submission of project wise UCs under RKVY as pointed out by CAG. He also directed the States to take up construction of farm ponds under PMKVY instead of RKVY and sericulture related activities under Central Silk Board schemes to avoid duplication. He asked the RKVY Division to effect necessary changes in the RKVY guidelines.
 - State Govt. of Karnataka suggested that a link may be provided in RKVY- MIS to enable the States upload success stories related to implementation of RKVY which has been agreed upon by the Department.
 - Secretary, DAC&FW suggested States to explore the possibility of providing incentives to the firms/companies which buy the agricultural produce as raw material by way of supplying electricity at subsidized rates as it would eventually translate into better price for farmer's produce and increased growth. State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh was requested to lead this initiative in the State. He also requested states to come up with suggestions for revamping of RKVY by Rabi conference.
4. After wards, the participating States made presentations on status of implementation of RKVY in their State. The main points highlighted by the states were as follows:
- **Karnataka:** The physical and financial progress of RKVY projects during XII Plan was presented. The State informed that it has finalized the DAP/SAP/SAIDP for XII Plan. However, Addl. Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Karnataka suggested that as the formulation of DAPs /SAP is a customary process and often lacks vision of overall agriculture development of the States, therefore, the mandatory condition laid in para 3.2 of RKVY guidelines should be waived off. Regarding the mandatory approval of ICAR on research projects to be implemented

under RKVY, the State apprised that often ICAR do not concur to the proposals of State universities without giving adequate justification, resulting which the State is unable to implement various research oriented projects. Chairman assured that DAC&FW being the nodal Department can overrule the stand of ICAR on such projects on merit. Lastly, the State presented a picturesque glimpse of RKVY interventions taken up by the State. Chairman desired that the assets created under RKVY should be tagged specifically and the name of “RKVY” scheme should be mentioned on the asset/infrastructure.

- **Uttar Pradesh:** Principal Secretary Agriculture, UP presented the physical and financial progress of RKVY projects during XII Plan. Chairman requested the State to expedite the submission of pending UCs under RKVY so that first installment of funds can be released to the States. The State suggested that instead of submitting 20 sets of agenda/project proposals before SLSC meetings, the State may provide soft copy to the Department for examination. The Chairman gave his consent to the suggestion and asked the RKVY Division to effect necessary changes in the RKVY guidelines. Appreciating the State Govt. for its initiative in routing the subsidy for individual beneficiaries under RKVY through DBT, the Chairman invited the State to make a brief presentation on the DBT initiative in the upcoming Rabi Conference. The Chairman also advised all the States to link subsidy provided through DBT with Aadhar card of the beneficiaries.
- **Gujarat:** Besides presenting the physical and financial progress of RKVY during XII Plan, Gujarat in their presentation informed that DBT is being followed by all implementing Departments under RKVY. The State also listed some recommendations for improvising RKVY scheme like provision of contingency, manpower at district level and changes in parameters for deciding interstate allocation under RKVY. State was assured that all the recommendations will be examined suitably by the Department.

- **West Bengal** : Apart from presenting the physical and financial progress made during XII Plan, it was stated that DAPs and SAP of the State were submitted to the Department and the State had initiated process of evaluating 25% of RKVY projects implemented by it during last three years. The State was asked to expedite the process of evaluation. With regard to DBT, the State was asked to link the DBT with Aadhar of the beneficiaries wherever available.
- **Tamil Nadu:** The physical and financial progress of RKVY during XII Plan was presented by the representative of Tamil Nadu. It was informed that DBT route is being followed by the State for giving back ended subsidy to the farmers in beneficiary oriented schemes under RKVY. Regarding the issues faced by the State while entering data, JS (RKVY) asked the State to sort out the issues related to RKVY- MIS on priority so that the data with respect to all projects undertaken by the State can be updated on the portal. The State presented a visually engaging short film on the project of mechanized rice transplanter undertaken under RKVY on custom hiring basis which was duly appreciated by the Chairman.
- **Rajasthan:** The State presented the sectoral physical and financial progress of RKVY projects during XII Plan and the status of DBT implementation by the State. As regard to third party monitoring of RKVY projects, the State asked the Department for a model format as provided under ATMA scheme. The state was told that there is no specific format for this and that the State can entrust any agency for evaluation of 25% projects taken up under RKVY.
- **Madhya Pradesh:** The State presented the updated physical and financial progress of RKVY during XII Plan. It apprised the Chairman that DBT is being followed by all implementing Departments under RKVY. The State was asked to link the subsidy given through DBT with the Aadhar number of the beneficiaries. For improvising RKVY scheme, the State made the recommendation regarding disparity in subsidy pattern. JS (RKVY)

assured that the recommendations will be examined suitably by the Department.

- **Odisha :** The State presented the sectoral physical and financial progress of RKVY projects during XII Plan and the status of DBT implementation. It was mentioned that that DBT is being followed for transferring subsidy to the beneficiaries under the sub-scheme- BGREI and further action has been initiated to include the components like incentives on production of seeds and need-based inputs as well as asset building under DBT. Further, the State asked for separate schemes for pulses and oilseeds and to address potato and onion crisis, including post-harvest and storage facilities under RKVY. Secretary, DAC&FW informed the State that enough funds are already available under various schemes of Government of India for this intervention and RKVY funds should be used to implement the scheme in non-covered districts of the State. Chairman also desired that States of Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh should take steps for boosting onion farming in their States as currently sowing is less in the country.
- **Bihar:** The State presented the physical and financial progress of RKVY during XII Plan. JS (RKVY) requested that the unspent balances should be cleared on priority. The State further apprised that it has initiated steps for implementation of DBT under RKVY. The State was asked to link the subsidy given through DBT with the Aadhar number of the beneficiaries. As regard to formulation of DAPs/SAP, the State suggested that to ensure uniformity, the Department should provide a format. The State was intimated that no such format can be provided and the process of finalizing of DAP/SAP should be expedited.
- **Maharashtra:** State started its presentation with the position of physical and financial progress made by the State during XII Plan. It was informed that the DAPs have been prepared and SAP and SAIDP will be finalized soon. The State has initiated process of evaluating 25% of RKVY projects

implemented by it during last three years. The State was requested to expedite the process.

5. In the closing remarks, Chairman desired that the States should endeavor to implement the deliberation of the meeting and their suggestions would be examined in detail in the Department.
6. Action points emerged in the meeting were as follows:
 - Unspent balances available with states to be utilized in the current financial year for completing the projects in time and UCs to be produced for second installment(**Action: All states**)
 - Submission of UCs within 10 days for the funds released during 2013-14 and 2014-15 so that funds could be released in the current financial year,(**Action: States of U.P and Bihar**)
 - Bulky, complex project proposals to be replaced with limited number of clear projects where in focused approach, need based gap analysis are adopted and definite outputs, outcomes are mentioned(**Action: All states**)
 - Submission of reports of the 25% projects to be monitored by the states within a month(**Action: All States**)
 - RD MIS data entry trainings to be conducted from 7th September to 9th September should be attended by states(**Action: all states**)
 - Entry of RD MIS data of 2015-16 and 2016-17 projects to be completed within 15 days time by Bihar and U.P .Any discrepancies in data entry to be rectified.(**Action: All states**)
 - Submission of Project based UCs and clear mention of central , state share on the UCs should be considered(**Action :all states**)

- Plugging of weak points suggested by the CAG performance report to be considered for effective implementation of the scheme(**Action: all states**)
- Activities related to construction of farm ponds and sericulture should be taken up under PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) and Central Silk Board schemes respectively. Guidelines of RKVY needs to be amended to that extent,(**Action: states, RKVY division**)
- A direct link needs to be provided in RKVY- MIS to enable the States upload success stories related to implementation of RKVY.(**Action: RKVY division/ RD MIS team**)
- suggestions regarding revamping of RKVY should be submitted by rabi conference (**Action: All the states**)
- Instead of submitting 20 sets of agenda/project proposals before SLSC meetings, the State may provide soft copy to the Department for examination, changes to be made in guidelines accordingly (**Action: RKVY Division, States**)
- Subsidy provided under production growth stream of RKVY to be linked to DBT with Aadhar card of the beneficiaries. States may utilize 1% administrative fund available for engaging data entry operators at district level, if required (**Action: all states**)
- Guidelines regarding selection criteria of states and criteria for fund allocation, approvals of animal husbandry projects needs to be revisited.(**action: RKVY division**)
- Steps should be taken for boosting onion farming in their States as currently sowing is less in the country(**action: Karnataka, Gujarat, M.P**)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure

List of Participants in the RKVY Review meeting held on 6.9.2016

DAC&FW, GoI

1. Shri S.K. Pattanayak- Secretary, – In chair
2. Dr. Raghavendra Singh, Addl. Secy.,
3. ShriJalajSrivastava, Addl. Secy. (RKVY),
4. Shri Kumar Sanjay Krishna, AS&FA
5. Dr. S.K.Malhotra, Agriculture Commissioner,
6. Smt. Rani Kumudini, JS (INM)
7. Shri R.B. Sinha, JS (NRM/RFS),
8. Smt. NeerajaAdidam, JS(RKVY),
9. Shri Dinesh Kumar, JS(IT &Extn.),
10. Dr. Chandramani Sharma, Director(RKVY)
11. Shri B.J. Brahma, Dy. Commissioner (Crops)
12. Shri S. Selvaraj, Dy. Commissioner (Seeds)
13. Shri A.N. Meshram, Dy. Commissioner (M&T)
14. ShriGauravAgrawal, Asstt. Secretary (IT)
15. ShriV.K.Srivastava, US (RKVY)
16. Shri Rahul Singh, AD (PP)
17. Shri M. Viswanath, STA (Crops)
18. ShriPrabhat Kumar, TA (NFMS)
19. ShriDurgesh Gupta, SO(RKVY)
20. Smt. AnupamaBaluni, SSO(RKVY)

Government of Karnataka

1. Smt. Latha Krishna Rao, Addl. Chief Secretary&Development Commissioner,
2. Smt. Roopa. L. Joint Director, Agriculture

Government of Uttar Pradesh

1. Shri Rajneesh Gupta, Principal Secretary, Agriculture
2. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, JDA (Agri. Stat.)

Government of Gujarat

1. Dr. B.R. Shah, Director (Agriculture)
2. Shri P.S. Rabari, Jt. Director (Agriculture)

Government of West Bengal

1. ShriJitendra Roy, Joint Secretary
2. Shri N.C. Das, Nodal Officer

Government of Tamil Nadu

1. Shri R. Ananda Kumar, E.D. TAWDEVA
2. Smt. T. Kayarkanni, Agriculture Officer, TAWDEVA

Government of Rajasthan

1. Dr. SuwaLalJat, Jt. Director, Agriculture
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Government of Madhya Pradesh

1. Shri D.K. Shrivastav, Dy. Director (Nodal Officer)

Government of Odisha

1. ShriDhiren Kumar Pattanaik, Addl. Secretary, Agriculture
2. ShriBasantDey, Agronomist
3. ShriNimaiCharan Swain, Consultant (RKVY)

Government of Bihar

1. ShriHimanshu Kumar Rai, Director (Agriculture)
2. Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Dy. Director (Nodal Officer)

Government of Maharashtra

1. ShriPokale P.N., Director (Agriculture)
2. ShriShrikant C. Andge, Under Secretary,
3. Shri A.B. Nimbarle, Technical Officer.
