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Subject- Minutes of the Meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (RKVY) 2015-2016.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above subject ,I am directed to send here-with a copy of the Minutes of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) under RKVY, held on 16.11.2015, for favour of your kind information and early necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


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Agriculture Department.

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By order etc.


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Minutes of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) for RKVY 2015-16 held at the Conference Room, Main Secretariat, Shillong on 16th November, 2015

The meeting was chaired by Shri P.B.O. Warjri, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya and Chairman, SLSC. The Chairman welcomed all the members present and requested the Principal Secretary (Agriculture) to initiate discussions on the agenda.

Shri P. Kharkongor, Principal Secretary (Agriculture) made a presentation giving an overview of the RKVY project implementation in the State of Meghalaya since its beginning during 2007-08 and upto 2014-15. He also informed that the GOI had tentatively allocated Rs. 24.29 crores under normal RKVY for 2015-16.

The representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Shri K.S. Srinivas, IAS, Jt. Secy. (Mktg) presented a status report on RKVY w.e.f. 2007-08 to 2014-15 regarding the completed and incomplete projects. However the Nodal Department informed that Projects prior to 2014-15 have been completed and the discrepancies were also detected by the Department, but could not be rectified due to the inability to access the portal for the said period. The information relating to the actual status will be furnished to the Ministry, at the earliest.

All the proposals for 2015-16 were presented to the Committee by the Line Departments and discussions ensued with reference to the comments of the different Divisions of the GOI on each of the proposals.

1. Agriculture

Proposal for Agriculture Sector under RKVY for the year 2015-16

Sl. No.	Particular	Amount in lakhs
1.	Ramie cultivation	1677.01
2.	Construction of Farmers Training Centre at Chokpot, South Garo Hills	209.02
3.	Adoption of Agro-Ecosystem Analysis based Bio-intensive Pest Management Strategies and Promotion of De-centralised Bio-control Agents and Bio-pesticides Production Centres through Farmer Self Help Groups in Meghalaya" under RKVY project 2015-16	87.70
4.	Construction of 3rd Ropeway at Rangphlang	29.07
5.	Installation of Surface Water Pumps	112.00
6.	Supply of Power Tillers – convergence mode	360.00
7.	Preparation of SAP-DAP and 1% Administrative Expenses	48.58
	Total	2523.38

1. Ramie Cultivation:

Comments of the Crops Division on 'Ramie Cultivation' is that the per hectare cultivation cost of Rs. 3.25 lakhs proposed is too high and hence the proposal was not supported.

Comments of the Extension Division on 'Ramie Cultivation' is that the proposal for training is supported in principle, but that the ATMA cost norms for training of farmers may be adopted and no additional funds can be spent on the same. These cost norms are: -

- Inter-State Training = Rs. 1,250/- per man day
- Within-State Training = Rs. 1,000/- per man day
- Within-District (residential) Training = Rs. 400/- per man day
- Within-District (non-residential) Training = Rs. 250/- per man day

The Committee considered these comments and decided that the scheme be resubmitted with revised norms for per hectare cost of cultivation, along with detailed justifications and that the ATMA norms be adopted for the training cost.

2. Construction of Farmers Training Centre at Chokpot, South Garo Hills:

Comments of the Extension Division on 'Construction of Farmers' Training Centre at Chokpot in South Garo Hills' is that the proposal is supported in principle, but that, under ATMA, there are no approved cost norms for such construction, and hence the State may adopt RKVY cost norms for the construction of this Farmers Training Centre.

In this connection, it was informed that the Plans and Estimates for this construction are as per the latest SOR of the State PWD and hence the Committee approved the proposal accordingly.

3. Adoption of Agro-Ecosystem Analysis based Bio-intensive Pest Management Strategies and Promotion of De-centralised Bio-control Agents and Bio-pesticides Production Centres through Farmer Self Help Groups in Meghalaya" under RKVY project 2015-16:

Comments of the Plant Protection Division on 'Adoption of Agro-ecosystem Analysis based Bio-intensive Pest Management Strategies' is that the project, recommended by the NIPHM, Hyderabad, may be considered and approved subject to the condition that the bio-pesticides and bio-control agents should be registered with the Central Insecticides Board Registration Committee (CIBRC), prior to distribution and use.

Further, since the registration of the bio-pesticides and bio-control agents is a prerequisite and mandatory for manufacturing, sale, transportation and supply of the said bio-pesticides, the Division advised the State to obtain registration of these bio-pesticides

from CIBRC, Faridabad under Insecticides Act 1968 and Insecticides Rules, 1971 and that the funds may be released for procurement of equipment as per the SMPMA Guidelines.

In view thereof, the Committee approved the proposal with directions that these observations and suggestions of GOI be complied to.

4. Construction of 3rd Ropeway at Rangphlang:

Comments of the Marketing Division on 'Ropeways at Rangphlang (including godowns)' is that there is no godown as such for storage of agricultural produce/inputs in the project and that the godown mentioned seems to be a very small shed/room for loading and unloading of the material which includes goods like provision and building material and hence is not eligible for assistance under the AMI sub scheme of ISAM.

It was informed that 2 (two) stages of this Ropeway were sanctioned and completed under RKVY 2013-14 and this is the 3rd and last stage to reach the final destination (Rangphlang Village).

As such, the Committee approved this proposal which was prepared as per latest SOR of the State PWD.

5. Installation of Surface Water Pumps:

Comments of the NRM Division on 'Surface Water Pumps' is that the State has not furnished details of number of pumps to be provided from proposed funds of Rs. 1.12 crore and hence it was not possible to comment, but suggested that this activity can be supported @ Rs. 15,000/- per electric/diesel unit as envisaged in Operational Guidelines of NMSA.

It was clarified that the proposal is for 280 units costing Rs. 112 lakhs @ 40,000/- per unit. It was further informed that during the previous years, the SLSC had approved the cost norm of Rs. 40,000/- per unit.

In consideration thereof, the Committee approved this proposal as presented, particularly as it was informed that these units are essential for production of a second crop of rice in the State.

6. Supply of Power Tillers – convergence mode:

Comments of the M&T Division on 'Power Tiller' is that it is supported as per SMAM norms.

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It was informed that the proposed sharing pattern is 90,000/- as subsidy, 10,000/- as MLAs contribution and the balance as the beneficiaries contribution, either from loan or from their own resources.

In view thereof, the Committee approved the proposal as per the proposed innovative sharing pattern.

2. Horticulture

Sl. No.	Name of Proposed Project	Area to be covered under the Project (Ha)	Amount in lakhs
1.	Organic Agar	600	500.00
2.	Mission Organic	23000	1500.00
3.	Organic Strawberry	16	250.00
4.	Drip Irrigation	32	142.00
5.	Assistance to Lakadong Turmeric Growers	80	75.00
6.	Centre of Excellence at Malchapara, South West Garo Hills		501.00
7.	Asparagus cultivation, South West Garo Hills	10	187.50
8.	Upgradation of Dawagre Horti-Hub & Orange Plantation		154.38
9.	Infrastructure at Umlakro Farm (construction of double storey RCC building, godown at ground floor, office cum quarter at first floor), Ri-Bhoi		93.30
	GRAND TOTAL		3403.18

1. Organic Agar:

Comments of the INM Division on 'Organic Agar Plantation' is that no such specific activity is being implemented under SHM/PKVY of NMSA and that conversion of land to organic @ Rs. 1000/acre under PKVY in cluster approach is supported.

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Organic Agar Plantation' is that Agarwood is not covered under its Guidelines and hence not recommended.

The Committee considered these observations and decided that the proposal be resubmitted with detailed justifications, particularly on the proposed cost norms, and recommended that Agar be included as a new activity under the MIDH.

2. Mission Organic:

Comments of the INM Division on 'Mission Organic' is that it supports the Mission under PKVY scheme of NMSA.

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Mission Organic' is that as per AAP 2015-16 an area of 1100 hectare is proposed and approved for organic cultivation of horticultural crops under MIDH and that the State needs to ascertain that the area proposed for Mission Organic will be over and above MIDH targets fixed earlier for the State and that the Project may be considered as per guidelines of MIDH and duplication should be avoided.

It was clarified that the present proposal includes both organic conversion and certification and hence cannot be equated with MIDH norms.

As such, the Committee decided that the proposal be resubmitted with detailed justifications of the proposed cost norms.

3. Organic Strawberry:

Comments of the INM Division on 'Promotion of Strawberry Cultivation' is that no such specific activity (promotion of organic strawberry) is being implemented under SHM/PKVY of NMSA, but that conversion of land to organic @ Rs. 1000/acre under PKVY in cluster approach is supported.

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Promotion of Strawberry Cultivation' is that as per AAP 2015-16 an area of 109 hectares is proposed and approved for strawberry cultivation under MIDH. Hence, the State needs to ascertain that the area proposed for organic cultivation of strawberry will be over and above MIDH targets fixed earlier for the State and the Project may be considered as per guidelines of MIDH and duplication should be avoided.

In view thereof, the Committee approved the proposal, with directions that these conditions be adhered to.

4. Drip Irrigation:

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Promotion of Drip Irrigation' is that the proposal for drip irrigation for production of high value crops may not be considered under RKVY, as sufficient funds are available under PMKSY Scheme (more crop per drop) and hence the State may put up the proposal under PMKSY Scheme.

In view thereof, the Committee advised that this proposal be submitted under PMKSY.

5. Assistance to Lakadong Turmeric Growers:

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Assistance to Lakadong Turmeric Growers' is that as per AAP 2015-16, an area of 400 hectares is proposed and approved for Rhizomatic Spices cultivation under MIDH and that the State needs to ascertain that area proposed for cultivation of Turmeric Lakadong cultivar will be over and above MIDH targets fixed earlier for the State and hence the Project may be considered as per guidelines of MIDH and duplication should be avoided.

In view thereof, the Committee approved this proposal with directions that these conditions be adhered to.

6. Centre of Excellence at Malchapara, South West Garo Hills:

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Center of Excellence (COE) at Malchapara, South West Garo Hills' is that as per MIDH records 2 COEs have already been established on similar crops and hence there should not be more COE for same crops.

In view thereof, the Committee advised that the proposal be resubmitted for a different crop.

7. Asparagus cultivation, South West Garo Hills:

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Asparagus cultivation, South West Garo Hills' is that Asparagus crop is not covered under MIDH guidelines and that the cost of cultivation mentioned @ Rs.7,50,000/- per acre appears to be very high and that comments should also be sought from ICAR.

The Committee considered these observations and advised that this proposal be resubmitted with detailed justifications of the proposed cost norms.

8. Upgradation of Dawagre Horti-Hub & Orange Plantation:

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Upgradation of Dawagre Horti Hub & Orange plantation' is that as per AAP 2015-16, an area of 200 hectares is proposed and approved for citrus cultivation under MIDH and hence the State needs to ascertain that the area proposed for cultivation of Mandarin orange will be over and above MIDH targets fixed earlier for the State and that the Project may be considered as per guidelines of MIDH and duplication should be avoided.

In view thereof, the Committee approved that proposal with directions that these conditions be adhered to.

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9. Infrastructure at Umlakro Farm (construction of double storey RCC building, godown at ground floor, office cum quarter at first floor), Ri-Bhoi:

Comments of the MIDH Division on 'Infrastructure of Umlakro Farm (construction of double storey RCC building, godown at ground floor, office cum quarter at first floor), Ri-Bhoi' is that the proposal is not covered under MIDH guidelines and hence not recommended. Moreover, comments may be taken from NRM division.

In view thereof, the Committee advised that the scheme be resubmitted with detailed justifications in response to these observations.

3. Fisheries

Details of the proposal for 2015-16

Sl. No.	Items	No. of ponds/beneficiaries	Water Area in Ha.	Total cost of the project	Cost of the project @ 60%	Total Amount required (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Development of 2050 ponds of the size 0.1 Ha. each at a unit cost of Rs. 1,99,781/- @ 60% Subsidy	2,050	205	4095.51	2457.30	2457.30
2.	Administrative Cost., etc.	-	-	-	-	18.45
3.	Training cost etc	-	-	-	-	17.69
4.	Monitoring, Documentation, etc.	-	-	-	-	6.55
TOTAL						2500.00

Comments of the Fisheries Division on 'Area Expansion of Individual Ponds (Development of 2050.00 water area of 0.1 Ha. each at a unit cost of Rs. 1,99,781/- per 0.1 Ha. @ 60% Subsidy)' is that as per the existing CSS schemes of DAHDF, financial assistance is provided for construction of new tanks at the unit of cost of Rs. 4.00 lakh/ha for hill States and North Eastern Region with subsidy @ 20% for all farmers except for SCs/STs for whom it will be 25%. Further, for inputs, the financial assistance is provided @ of Rs. 50,000/ha with 20% subsidy for all except for SCs/STs for whom it will be 25%.

Comments of the Fisheries Division on "Training cost, etc." is that under the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Scheme, 100% financial assistance is provided to the Government for training programme of farmers.

It was informed that the Meghalaya State Aquaculture Mission is a flagship programme of the State and hence the prescribed sharing pattern of 60:25:15 (Government : Loan : Beneficiary contribution) should continue and that any change in this pattern would derail the implementation of this Mission.

Further, the Committee was apprised that during the past few years, the SLSC had approved the scheme at the unit cost of Rs. 1,99,781/- per 0.1 ha with 60:25:15 sharing pattern. However, since there is a substantial difference in the unit cost for new ponds (GOI rate being 4 lakhs and Fisheries Department's rate being 19.9781 lakhs per hectare), the Committee advised that the proposal be resubmitted with detailed justifications of this unit cost.

4. Cooperation

As the proposals were not supported by the Ministry of Agriculture, the SLSC suggested the Registrar, Co-operative Societies to seek assistance from the Ministry of Food Processing and resubmit the proposal as per their guidelines.

Comments of the Marketing Division on "Procurement and marketing of Banana proposal for Transport Vehicle Pick-up Vehicle TATA ACE MEGA @ Rs. 5,00,000/- each for 8 (eight) Cooperative Societies" is that transport vehicles are not eligible for subsidy under AMI, sub scheme of ISAM.

Comments of the MIDH on "Procurement and marketing of Banana proposal for Transport Vehicle Pick-up Vehicle TATA ACE MEGA @ Rs. 5,00,000/- each for 8 (eight) Cooperative Societies" is that transport vehicle is not covered under MIDH guidelines.

Comment of the Marketing Division on "Setting-up of Organic Fruit Juice Outlet Counters in 6 (six) locations for Co- operative affiliated to the Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd. Rs. 5,34,000/- each for 6 (six locations)" is that the retail shops are not eligible for subsidy as it comes in the negative list of projects mentioned in Annexure-VII of operational guidelines of AMI sub scheme of ISAM and that fruit juice is a processed product and hence not eligible.

Comments of the MIDH on "Setting-up of Organic Fruit Juice Outlet Counters in 6 (six) locations for Co- operative affiliated to the Meghalaya Village Development & Promotion Tourism Cooperative Society Ltd. Rs. 5,34,000/- each for 6 (six locations)" is that the setting-up of Organic Fruit juice outlet by the cooperative societies for promotion of tourism is not as per MIDH guidelines.

Comments of the Marketing Division on "Capacity building to members of Cooperatives Societies for enhancing Agriculture/Allied activities" is not eligible for subsidy under AMI sub-scheme of ISAM.

Comments of the MIDH on "Capacity building to members of Cooperatives Societies for enhancing Agriculture/Allied activities" is that it is presumed that almost all the proposed Activities have provision under HRD component of MIDH and such project should not be considered under RKVY.

The Committee, while endorsing these comments of the different Divisions, advised that a proposal for fabricated vehicles customized as "Shop-on-Wheels", to aid in marketing activities of the Cooperative Societies, be submitted for consideration.

5. Sericulture & Weaving

Abstract of cost of Physical and Financial Assistance proposed under the scheme RKVY as per priority for the year 2015 – 16

Sl. No.	Component	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Extension of Muga Plantation and strengthening of Muga Farm at Garobada West Garo Hills District.	1 no.	125.59
2.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening of Pilot Centre for producing seed cocoons at Samanda, East Garo Hills District.	1 no.	136.84
3.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening of Pilot Centre for producing seed cocoons at Dimapara, South Garo Hills District	1 no.	126.24
4.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening for producing seed cocoons at Rongalgre, West Garo Hills District	1 no.	139.74
5.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening of Pilot Centre for producing seed cocoons at Purakhasia Tura West Garo Hills District	1 no.	153.24
6.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening of Pilot Centre for producing seed cocoons at Dilma North Garo Hills District	1 no.	152.88
7.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening of seed Cocoons for at Grainage-cum-Training Centre, Bhoirymbong, Ri - Bhoi District	1 no.	131.91
8.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening of Pilot Centre for producing seed cocoons at Nongdaju West Khasi Hills District	1 no.	118.47
9.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening of Pilot Centre for producing seed cocoons at Saikarap East Khasi Hills District	1 no.	123.67
10.	Extension of Muga plantation and strengthening for producing seed cocoons at Muga Centre, Laitkor, East Khasi Hills	1 no.	130.19
11.	Assistance to Muga Seed Rearers	87 nos	136.67
12.	Assistance to Commercial rearers	234 nos	315.80
	TOTAL	331 nos.	1791.27

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Comments of the MIDH on 'Strengthening of Eri & Muga Centre for production of Seed Cocoons under RKVY' is that the Crop production part is recommended as per MIDH guidelines and so far sericulture final product components are concerned, they are not covered under MIDH guidelines while the Ministry of Agriculture supported upto the cocoon stage.

It was informed that the sericulture activities are from the farm to the yarn stage after which the activities shift to the weaving (handloom) section, till the fabric stage. As such, the Committee approved the proposals especially as it was apprised that the cost norms are as per CSB (Central Silk Board) Guidelines.

6. Animal Husbandry & Veterinary

List of Projects/Scheme proposed under RKVY 2015-16 – Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary

Sl. No.	Name of Project/Scheme	Project/ Scheme No.	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	<u>Production Growth (Part-I):</u>		
a.	Poultry Development: Procurement of 1 (one) Power Generator of 40 KVA for Nongstoin Poultry farm which is required for the hatcher and brooder houses etc including C.C. approach road to generator house		10.00
b.	Establishment of New Poultry Breeding Farm in East Jaintia Hills District (Unit=1)		370.00
2.	<u>Development of Small ruminants/Goat:</u>		
	Strengthening of existing Goat Farm at Nongshillong by way of reconstruction of one dilapidated shed and renovation/repair of another to accommodate 20 (Twenty) new parent stock including cost of parent stock, feed, medicines, etc.		66.00
3.	<u>Infrastructure & Assets (Part-II):</u>		
a.	Strengthening of VFA Training Institute at Kyrdemkulai by providing Practical Class room cum Laboratory including procurement of specimens, instruments, furniture & fixtures		50.00
b.	Strengthening of Vocational Training Centre at Rongkhon, West Garo Hills District by providing one Women's Hostel including furniture & fixtures		50.00
c.	Purchase of reading materials, Computer, furniture, LCD projector etc for New VTC at Khliehtyrshi & Manai		25.00
d.	Construction of Multi-facility Center for Farmers at Upper Shillong		294.14

4.	Skill Development (Part-III):		
a.	Scheme for Training of Officers and Para Vets including Study Tours cum Exposure trip	1	35.00
b.	Milk collection centre at Mawrykneng, East Khasi Hills District		20.00
	TOTAL		920.14

Comments of the DAHD&F on 'Production Growth (Part-I)' is that the State Government may be requested to provide details of the proposal and to resubmit as per the guidelines of RKVY scheme, especially related with Cost Norms and the New Funding & Sharing Pattern.

Comments of the DAHD&F (LI & Extn.) on 'Infrastructure & Assets (Part-II)' is that this is not supported as the proposal is not as per NLM Guidelines.

Comments of Marketing Division on the 'Skill Development (Part-III)' is that it is eligible under AMI sub-scheme of ISAM subject to fulfilling all other conditions of the operational guidelines of the scheme.

The Committee considered these observations and advised that these proposals be resubmitted with detailed justifications, and to depute concerned officers to discuss directly with the DAHD&F officials. JS (Marketing) has kindly agreed to assist in coordinating these discussions.

7. Soil & Water Conservation

Project/Scheme proposed under RKVY 2015-16

Name of the Project/Scheme	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
Watershed Development Programme in Shifting Cultivation areas	3270.00

Comments of the NRM Division on 'Watershed Development Programme in Shifting Cultivation areas' is that since the Watershed component has become part of PMKSY, the watershed activities are to be taken in a convergence manner with other components of PMKSY. Basically, first of all the ongoing watershed activities are to be completed and only then new watersheds are to be taken up. If at all, it is to be taken up, it should become part of the District Irrigation Plan (DIP) and from there it can be picked up with other activities proposed under that cluster in a focused manner so that the cluster is saturated for providing water to all the agricultural fields in that cluster.

The Committee endorsed these comments and advised that the Department take suitable steps accordingly.

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8. Water Resources

Abstract of Water Harvesting Schemes (WHS) proposed by Water Resources Department under RKVY for 2015-16

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of WH Schemes	Total Estimated Amount	Areas Benefitted (in ha)	No. of Beneficiaries (families)
1.	South West Khasi Hills	4	₹ 45,70,700/-	42.35	23
2.	West Khasi Hills	6	₹ 116,19,400/-	90.05	40
3.	Ri-Bhoi	2	₹ 22,29,700/-	20.70	15
4.	East Jaintia Hills	1	₹ 8,79,800/-	6.00	3
5.	West Garo Hills	2	₹ 30,26,700/-	16.70	22
6.	East Garo Hills	3	₹ 42,54,100/-	23.60	19
7.	South West Garo Hills	4	₹ 68,60,200/-	40.00	58
	Total	22	₹ 334,40,600/-		

It was informed that these proposals were submitted a little late to GOI and that the concerned Divisions are in process of examining them.

As such, the Committee agreed to take up these proposals for consideration in the next SLSC meeting.



Chairman,
RKVY State Level Sanctioning Committee