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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE  
HADDU, PORT BLAIR - 744102**

F.No. DA/TC/RKVY/SLSC/2017-18/1706 Port Blair, Dated 08<sup>th</sup> August 2017

To

Shri. V.K.Srivastava,  
Under Secretary  
Govt. of India,  
Department of Agri, Cooperation & Farmers welfare,  
RKVY Division, Krishi Bhawan,  
New Delhi

Sub: Forwarding of Minutes of SLSC of RKVY in respect of A&N Islands for 2017-18 - regarding.

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of RKVY held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in respect of A&N islands for the year 2017-18 for favour of kind information and necessary action please.

Encl: A/A

Yours faithfully

  
08.8.17  
Director of Agriculture



**MINUTES OF THE XII<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF STATE LEVEL SANCTIONING COMMITTEE (SLSC) FOR RKVY AND 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF PMKSY HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, A&N ADMINISTRATION ON 20/07/2017 AT 4.00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE SECRETARIAT.**

The list of Officers present in the meeting is at **Annexure – I**.

At the outset, Shri.Ramesh Verma, IAS Secretary (Agri/AH&VS/Fy)) welcomed the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration/Chairman, State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC), Shri. V.K.Srivastava, Under Secretary to GoI, RKVY representative from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and other Members of the Committee. Thereafter the Secretary(Agri/AH&VS/Fy) informed that in the SLSC, the Action plan of RKVY for 2017-18 in respect of Department of Agriculture, AH & VS and Fisheries, State Extension Work Plan (SEWP) of ATMA for 2017-18 and State Irrigation Plan of PMKSY will be reviewed for approval. The Secretary(Agri/AH&VS/Fy) then requested the Directors of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Service and Fisheries department to make the Power point presentations in respect to their concerned departments.

**AGRICULTURE SECTOR**

Shri. Anjan Kumar Das, Director of Agriculture presented the power point presentation in respect of Agriculture Department. He informed the committee that during the year 2016-17, Rs. 235.0 lakhs was allotted by the Ministry in the fag end of February 2017 and Rs. 232.968 lakh was incurred. The details of fund utilized component wise by Agriculture and AH&VS department was briefed. Then the Director presented the projects proposed for implementation during 2017-18-

**Continuing Projects**

**1. Baseline survey to ascertain the present status of Chemical residues in soil, water and agricultural products and its regular monitoring in Andaman Islands.**

The Director of Agriculture informed that CIARI, Port Blair is implementing the project with a total outlay of Rs 26.147 lakhs since 2012-13. It was informed that the final report has been submitted by CIARI, therefore the fourth & final installment of Rs. 2.377 lakhs is to be released, so it was proposed to continue the project during 2017-18. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has supported the proposal on the basis of the decision of previous SLSC.

***The SLSC approved to continue the project.***

## **2. Implementation of Fruit and Vegetable Mission at Car Nicobar-Distribution of vegetable seed and fruit sapling minikit**

The Director of Agriculture informed that during 2016-17 distribution of 1250 nos. vegetable kits and 1500 nos. fruit sapling kit @ Rs. 350/- per kit among the tribal farmers of Car Nicobar was proposed and the target could not be achieved due to insufficient fund received during 2016-17. Therefore it was proposed to continue the project during 2017-18 so that total 2750 kits can be distributed with an estimated cost of Rs. 9.625 lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported the proposal as per decision of previous SLSC.

*The SLSC approved to continue the project*

## **3. Infrastructure for Post Harvest Management through Solar Drying Construction of threshing cum drying yard.**

The Director of Agriculture informed that the project was approved in the X<sup>th</sup> SLSC meeting and under the project it was proposed to construct a total of 120 nos. of Threshing cum drying yard with a total outlay of Rs. 66.0 lakhs. During 2015-16, 15 nos. and during 2016-17, 35 nos. threshing cum drying yard were constructed and an amount of Rs.7.45 lakhs and Rs. 17.985 lakhs was incurred respectively. He further informed that there is demand from farmers and therefore proposed to continue the project during 2017-18 to achieve the balance target i.e 70 nos with an estimated amount of Rs. 40.56 lakhs for providing assistance/subsidy @ 33.33 % of the total estimated cost. The MoA&FW has supported the ongoing project as per Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) norms

*The SLSC approved to continue the project*

## **4. Conversion of departmental farms to organic demonstration farms.**

The Director of Agriculture informed that the project was approved in the X<sup>th</sup> SLSC meeting held on 10.02.2016. Under the project, two departmental farms viz. Progeny farm Jirkatang and MP farm at Keralapuram, Diglipur have been identified for conversion to Organic Demonstration farm. The project could not be initiated due to receipt of fund in the fag end so proposed to continue the project during 2017-18 with an estimated cost of Rs. 33.55 lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported the project as per Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) norms.

*The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

#### **5. Establishment of Vermi/organic compost units in departmental farms.**

The Director of Agriculture informed that the project was approved in the X<sup>th</sup> SLSC meeting held on 10.2.2016. Under this project two nos. of vermicompost units will be constructed in two departmental farms viz. Progeny farm Jirkatang and OH farm, Sippighat. As the work could not be started during 2016-17 it is proposed to continue the project during 2017-18 with an estimated cost of Rs. 8.0 Lakhs. The MoA& FW has supported the project as per PKVY norms.

*The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

#### **6. Installation of Drip Irrigation system at Progeny Farm, Jirkatang for demonstration**

The Director of Agriculture informed that the project was approved in the X<sup>th</sup> SLSC. During 2016-17, the work for installation of Drip irrigation system at Progeny farm has been completed. The payment to the firm could not be made due to receipt of insufficient fund from the ministry. He informed that payment to be done during the financial year 2017-18, so proposed to continue the project with an estimated cost of Rs.4.0 Lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported as per PMKSY Norms after inclusion in DIP/SIP of the State.

#### **7. Establishment of Bio fertilizer and bio-pesticide production unit.** *The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

The Director of Agriculture informed that the project was approved in the X<sup>th</sup> SLSC meeting. Under the project it is proposed to establish a bio fertilizer and bio pesticide production unit at Organic Horticulture Farm, Sippighat. No work has been done so far so proposed to continue the project. The estimated cost of the project proposed is Rs. 181.50 lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported the project

#### **8. Promotion of Organic Farming in A&N Islands –Establishment of Vermi/organic compost units in farmers field.** *The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

The Director of Agriculture informed that the project with change of modality was approved in the X<sup>th</sup> SLSC held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 with a physical target of constructing 1000 nos. vermi/organic compost unit in farmers field. During 2017-18, 17 farmers submitted their willingness to construct the vermicompost units but the completion report from them is awaited. He proposed to continue the project so that

50 % subsidy amounting to Rs. 10,000/- per beneficiary can be released to them. RKVY fund is available with HVADA. The MoA&FW has supported the proposal as per SHM norms of NMSA.

Further he informed that the following projects were approved by the SLSC in the XI meeting held on 04-10-2016 but could not be implemented due to receipt of insufficient fund during 2016-17 and proposed to continue the project during 2017-18

**9. Infrastructure for Horticulture through Excavation of Farm Ponds in departmental farms-** Under this project 4 nos. of Ponds will be excavated in the Departmental farms at Jirkatang, Neil Island, Campbell Bay & Katchal with an estimated total cost of Rs. 15.0 lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported the project as per PMKSY norms after inclusion in the DIP/SIP of the state.

*The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

**10. Infrastructure for Horticulture through Construction of RCC Ringwell (Minor irrigation)** – under this project 2 no. RCC ringwells will be constructed in the departmental farms at Diglipur and Nancowrie with an estimated cost of Rs. 5.20 lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported the project as per PMKSY norms after inclusion in the DIP/SIP of the state.

*The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

**11. Infrastructure for Horticulture through vermi/organic compost units-** under this project 18 nos. vermi/organic compost units will be constructed in the 18 departmental farms with an estimated total cost of Rs. 84.0 lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported the project as per PKVY norms.

*The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

**12. Soil and water conservation activities in Departmental farms-** Under this project various Soil Conservation activities will be carried out in 8 departmental farms covering 21 hectare with an estimated cost of Rs. 100 lakhs. The MoA&FW has supported the project as per PMKSY norms after inclusion in DIP/SIP of the state.

*The SLSC approved to continue the project.*

**13. Setting up of New Soil Testing Laboratories at Nimbudera ,N&M Andaman District and**

**14. Setting up of New Soil Testing Laboratories at Nicobar District**

The Director of Agriculture informed that the Department propose to set up two Soil Testing Laboratory one at Car Nicobar and another at N&M Andaman District at

an estimated cost of Rs. 147.66 lakhs & 188.0 lakhs respectively. The MoA & FW has supported the project as per SHM norms.

In this regard the Chairman enquired about the staff position of Soil Testing Laboratory, Port Blair and staff strength at Car Nicobar. Accordingly, it was informed by Director of Agriculture that one Soil Chemist is posted in the department who looks after the duty at Soil Testing Laboratory Port Blair and Staff strength at Car Nicobar is not adequate. The Chairman suggested to defer the project as setting up of laboratories will involve too much funds and lack of staff will make the laboratories idle/unoperational.

**15. Establishment of E- Kisan Bhawan** – Under this project E-kisan Bhawan will be established one each in three districts with a total estimated cost of Rs. 30.0 lakhs. The MoA & FW has supported the project as per RKVY guidelines.

The Chairman was of the view that Internet Connectivity in A&N islands is very poor so it will be not feasible therefore suggested to drop the project during this financial year.

**16. Establishment of Custom Hiring Center for agriculture Equipments-** under this project custom hiring centres will be established in each district with an estimated cost of Rs. 30.0 lakhs. The MoA & FW has supported the project as per SMAM norms.

*The SLSC approved to continue the above mentioned project.*

#### Project completed during 2016-17

**Construction of RCC Ringwell at Kakana village, Nancowrie group of Islands –**

The Director informed that during 2016-17, construction of 8 nos. RCC ringwells at Kakana Village of Nancowrie gps. of Islands have been completed and an expenditure of Rs. 16.49 lakhs incurred. **The project is completed.**

#### NEW PROJECTS

Thereafter the Director of Agriculture informed the committee that 6 new projects were proposed for implementation during 2017-18. The projects are

**1. Biological control of major pest of crops in Islands** - The Director of Agriculture informed that the project is proposed for biological control measures to check pest of coconut, vegetables and fruits in this Island. The project will be implemented by the

Agriculture department. The MoA&FW has informed that non-recurring expenses only are supported as per SMPMA norms.

*The SLISC approved the project.*

**2. Infrastructure for Post Harvest Management through Solar Drying Construction of Threshing cum drying yard (Size-10 m x 8 m)** – The Director of Agriculture informed that due to heavy demand of farming community for construction of threshing cum drying yard, the project has been proposed. Under this project, 95 nos. of threshing cum drying yard will be constructed during the period of two years and an amount of Rs. 51.01 lakhs will be required as assistance to the farmers @ 33.33 %. The MoA&FW has supported the project as per ISAM norms.

*The SLISC approved the project.*

**3. Establishment of Plant Health Clinic for welfare of the Island farmers** – The Director informed that KVK has submitted this project with the objective that it will provide timely diagnosis of Plant disease and rendering necessary advice to the growers, gardeners and other stake holders for proper pest and disease management at an estimated cost of Rs. 92.0 lakhs. The project will be of three years. The MoA&FW has supported the project.

*The SLISC approved the project.*

**4. Technology interventions for Mushroom production and popularization in A&N islands-** The Director of Agriculture informed that this project is proposed by the CIARI, Port Blair to promote mushroom cultivation in these Islands. The project will be of two years at an estimated cost of Rs. 89.0 lakhs and will be implemented by ICAR-CIARI. The MoA&FW has supported the project.

*The SLISC approved the project.*

**5. Promotion of flower cultivation in modified planting system for socio-economic upliftment of Islands farmers-** The Director of Agriculture informed that this project is proposed by the CIARI, Port Blair for modified planting system model for loose flower cultivation in selected farmers field and Technology dissemination through capacity building programmes and media coverage. The project will be of three years at an estimated cost of Rs. 87.42 lakhs and will be implemented by ICAR-CIARI. In the observation/ comments it is stated that components like net house etc may be supported as per MIDH norms. The MoA&FW has in principal supported

subject to approval of ICAR and also remarked to ensure that there is ready market for the produce.

**Project to be submitted to ICAR for their comments**

**6. Boosting Productivity of Black Pepper in Andaman Islands through Promotion of Improved Varieties, their Mass Multiplication and Quality Assessment of Island Produce** – The Director of Agriculture informed that this project is proposed by the CIARI, Port Blair for production of good quality planting materials of Spices which will ultimately enhance production of Spices. The project will be of three years at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.64 lakhs and will be implemented by ICAR-CIARI. The MoA&FW has supported the project as per MIDH norms and subject to approval of ICAR but recurring expenses not supported.

**Project to be submitted to ICAR for their comments**

Thereafter the Secretary (Agri/Fy/AH&VS) informed that the project submitted by ICAR-CIARI was approved by SLPSC, keeping in view that all the projects belonged to different streams i.e Promotion of floriculture, Mushroom cultivation, black pepper cultivation and Plant Health clinic and all the entire projects are very useful at the present scenario.

**Decision on utilization of unutilized RKVY fund available with HVADA**

Further in the meeting, the Director informed that during 2010-11, a fund of Rs.282.80 lakhs was transferred to 58 Gram panchayats for implementation of one component i.e “Establishment of Vermi/organic compost units in farmers field” under the RKVY project “Promotion of Organic farming in A&N Islands”, unfortunately the target could not be achieved in full due to various reasons. Only 1930 nos. units were established till 2014-15 out of the targeted 10000 nos. Thereafter all the Gram Panchayat Pradhans were requested to return the unutilized fund available with them to HVADA account. During the Xth SLSC meeting, the project- “Establishment of vermi/organic compost units in farmers field” was approved by changing the modality with a physical target of establishing 1000 nos. by utilizing the fund available with HVADA, but till date no expenditure has been incurred. Unutilized fund of Rs.130.58 (including interest) is available with HVADA as on 25/01/2017.

Therefore it is proposed to utilize the RKVY fund available with HVADA for implementing the RKVY project “Establishment of Vermi/ Organic compost units in Departmental farms” with an estimated cost of Rs. 92.0 lakhs.

**The SLSC approved the proposal.**

Finally, the Chairman stated that the fund will be allocated in full from the Ministry and therefore projects are to be prioritized and maximum benefits to be provided to the farmers. He further informed to keep a midterm review for the projects implemented by CIARI.

**Approval of State Extension Work Plan (SEWP) for 2017-18 of UTATMA**

The proposed State Extension Work Plan (SEWP) of Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms – ATMA” for the year 2017-18 at an outlay of Rs. 269.10478 lakhs was approved by the SLSC.

**FISHERIES –SECTOR**

The Director of Fisheries briefed schemes under RKVY through power point presentation in respect of Fisheries Department. He informed the Committee that during 2016-17, the Department did not receive the fund from the Ministry and implemented only 02 (two) schemes and an expenditure of Rs. 0.99 Lakhs was incurred which was met under UT Plan.

The review report of the schemes implemented during 2016-17 is as follows:-

S. No.	Name of Schemes	Physical		Financial (in Lakhs)	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1.	Supply of Deep Freezers on Subsidy.	50	06		
2.	Supply of Insulated Ice Boxes on Subsidy	150	19	1.00	0.99
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.99</b>

Thereafter, the Director of Fisheries presented the proposed Draft Annual Action Plan for 2017-18.

- 1. Providing 50% subsidy on purchase of Deep Freezers to fishers/ tribes**  
The Department proposed to provide 50% subsidy on the cost of Deep Freezers. The Department proposed Physical target of 50 Deep Freezers and Financial Target of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs.

*The SLSC approved the project.*

- 2. Providing 50% subsidy on purchase of Ice Boxes to fishers/ tribes.**  
The Department proposed to provide 50% subsidy on the cost of Ice Boxes. The Department proposed Physical target of 150 Ice Boxes and Financial Target of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs.

*The SLSC approved the project.*

- 3. Introduction of Intermediary Mechanized Fishing Craft on Subsidy.**  
The Director of Fisheries informed that the Department proposed to provide 50% subsidy with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs towards the purchase / construction of Intermediary Mechanized Fishing Crafts. The Department proposed Physical target of 06 Crafts and Financial Target of Rs. 90.00 Lakhs

*The SLSC approved the project.*

- 4. Subsidy for Purchase of Fish Harvesting Net**  
The Department proposed to continue the scheme with 50% subsidy with a maximum subsidy ceiling as Rs. 12,000/- per Fish Harvesting Net. The Department proposed Physical target of 20 No's and Financial Target of Rs. 2.00 Lakhs.

*The SLSC approved the project.*

- 5. Subsidy for construction of Nursery Ponds and Breeding Materials for Freshwater fish seed production.**  
The Department proposed to continue the scheme with 50% subsidy with a maximum subsidy ceiling as Rs. 35,000/- for construction of Nursery Pond and purchase of one set of breeding materials. The Department proposed Physical target of 10 No's and Financial Target of Rs. 2.00 Lakhs.

*The SLSC approved the project.*

**6. Financial Assistance (100%) for Tribal Council of Nicobar Districts to acquire Intermediary Mechanized Fishing Craft (IMFC) for the purpose of demonstration of fishing in Nicobar District.**

The Director informed the Committee that the Department proposed to supply Intermediary Mechanized Fishing Crafts (IMFC) to all the Tribal Councils of Nicobar District for the purpose of demonstration of fishing activity. He also informed that the Department is trying to implement this scheme from the last few years but due to one or the other reasons it could not be implemented. But this time as the Ministry has proposed to provide a fund of Rs. 4.00 Crores for the RKVY Schemes, the department may implement this scheme during the current financial year. The department proposes to supply 07 IMFC, one boat to each of the 07 tribal councils with a financial outlay of Rs. 288.82 Lakhs.

*The SLSC approved the project.*

**7. Subsidy for purchase of Pellet Feed for Pisciculturists.**

The Director of Fisheries informed the Committee that to enhance the growth of freshwater fishes, the department proposes a scheme "Subsidy for purchase of Pellet Feed to Pisciculturists" @ 50% subsidy on the actual cost of pellet feed subject to maximum of Rs. 4000.00 in a year. The department proposes a physical target of 100 No's with financial target of Rs. 2.00 Lakhs.

*The SLSC approved the project.*

**8. Subsidy for purchase of Moped for selling of fish.**

To help the fisher women/ fish vendors, the Department proposes to implement this Scheme @ 50% subsidy on the actual cost of Moped/two wheeler subject to maximum of Rs. 30,000.00. The department propose a physical target of 10 No's with financial target of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs.

*The SLSC approved the project.*

**9. Subsidy for purchase of refrigerated van.**

The Department proposes to implement this Scheme with the aim to provide proper transportation facility to supply fish from one place to another in fresh condition for better economic returns. The department proposed

subsidy @ 50% on the actual cost of Refrigerated van with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs. The department propose a physical target of 03 No's with financial target of Rs. 12.00 Lakhs

***The SLSC approved the project.***

The Chief Secretary directed to implement the subsidy schemes through DBT. He also directed the Department to look for the new schemes other than focussing only on subsidy programmes.

Shri. V.K. Srivastava, Under Secretary, GOI, RKVY Division on behalf of the Ministry informed that all the ongoing projects have been supported by the Ministry as per the decision in previous SLSC subject to non-duplication/overlapping of activities and no escalation of cost for same physical target.

**SECTOR: ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

The Jt. Director (LP) informed the Committee regarding the Action Plan 2017-18 to 2019-20 under RKVY. He informed that the department is going to implement 09 schemes of which **eight** are Continuing Scheme and **one** New Scheme has been proposed. The details of project wise discussion (2017-18) held is as under:-

**Project No.01 Immunization of Rural Backyard Poultry Birds**

Jt, Director (LP), explained that this is a continuing scheme which has been very successful in controlling mortality due to Ranikhet Diseases in backyard poultry. This program is proposed to be continued for the year 2017-18 with an outlay of Rs. 30.00 Lakh.

**The SLSC Approved the programme.**

**Project No: 02 Incentive for Hygienic Pig Shelter –Providing 25% subsidy on Construction of hygienic Shelter for pigs**

The Ministry has supported for continuation of the programme for the year 2017-18 with a restriction in subsidy amount of Rs. 25,000.00 per farmer in lieu of proposed Rs. 2.50 Lakh for construction of Hygienic shelter for pigs. The programme will be implemented in all three districts.

**The SLSC Approved the programme with an outlay of Rs. 2.50 Lakh.**

**Project No. 03 Study on the status of mineral profile in cattle sera and its correlation with infertility and Production -**  
(Grant-in-Aid provided to CIARI)

The Jt, Director (LP) has explained the committee about the scheme. This program is proposed to be continued for the year 2017-18 with an outlay of Rs. 14.00 Lakh.

**The SLSC approved the project.**

**Project No: 04 Strengthening of Artificial Insemination facilities using Frozen Semen Technology -Maintenance of Cold Chain facilities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

It was informed that there is urgent need to establish a new LN<sub>2</sub> Plant at Port Blair as the existing plant is a obsolete model and spares are difficult to be sourced. The existing plant will serve as a good backup. The Ministry supported the proposal with an outlay of Rs. 170.00 Lakh for the year 2017-18.

**The SLSC approved the project for an outlay of Rs. 170.00 Lakh.**

**Project No.: 05 Strengthening of Animal Husbandry Delivery System in Andaman and Nicobar Islands-Provision of mobile Veterinary Services in A&N Islands**

The Jt, Director (LP) has informed that the pre-SLSC meeting under RKVY was held in New Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Secretary (RKVY), Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry has sought additional information with regard to Cost of Vehicle, Manpower and place where these vehicles will be operational under the project. In this connection, the revised Detailed Project report has been submitted to the Ministry through email on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. He also explained that the induction of new Mobile Ambulatory Clinic will reduce capital expenditure on infrastructure development and increase the reach to remote villages.

**The MOA&FW in their comments have not supported the project though the department have submitted the revised DPR through email on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

**Project no.06 Conservation of Teressa Goat.**

The Jt, Director (LP) has informed the house that the Ministry has also seek additional information in pre SLSC meeting under RKVY held in New Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Secretary (RKVY), Ministry of

Agriculture. As per their advise, this Directorate has clubbed the project in one year time line and submitted the revised proposal of the project through e-mail on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

**The MOA&FW in their comments have not supported the project though the department have submitted the revised DPR through email on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

**Project No.7 Incentives for construction of Cow Shelter**

The Jt, Director (LP) explained to the house that most of the farmers rear animals under Free-Range system. Rearing cattle under scientific management system ensures optimum feeding, good health and increased, hygienic milk production. Providing a cow with shelter will protect it from the inclement weather as well as help in waste management. Under the project, 20 Nos. selected farmers who are rearing 5 cows or more will be eligible to avail 25% subsidy on construction of cow shelter with a maximum of Rs. 50,000.00 for the year 2017-18.

**The SLSC approved the project for an outlay of Rs. 10.00 Lakh. .**

**Project No.08 Promotion of Azolla as feed supplement**

The Jt, Director (LP) informed to the house that, availability of feed and feed ingredients are major constraints for growth of livestock sector in Andaman and Nicobar islands. Azolla is the most promising livestock feed due to its ease of cultivation, productivity and nutritive value. The Department proposes to establish Azolla tanks in all its livestock farms with an aim to provide training and demonstration and to supply seed stock to livestock owners on the cultivation and feeding of Azolla. The livestock farmers will be provided 25% subsidy to construct and maintain the azolla farms. NPBB, DAHD&F has supported the project.

**The SLSC committee approved the project with an outlay of Rs. 10.00 Lakh.**

**NEW SCHEME PROPOSED DURING 2017-18**

The Jt, Director (LP) placed the following new projects before the SLSC committee for its approval for implementation in these islands during 2017-18.

**1. "Establishment of Model Livestock Based Organic Integrated Farm at Neil Island"**

The Jt, Director (LP) has informed that this project is to neutralize the negative effect of growth of Tourism on the Agriculture sector and to integrate organic farming with eco Tourism in the Neil Inland. Also informed the committee that the department shall establish eco-friendly Cattle unit (3-5 Cattle) in the existing coconut farm of Agriculture department at Neil Island, Growing fodder in between the rows of coconut grove, use of Cow dung to generate bio-gas for cooking and lightening thereby integrating the optimal utilization of resources, recycling of waste and multiple avenues of income generation.

The above model shall serve as a model for farmers to continue their occupation while keeping pace with emerging trend of diversion to Tourism.

The Secretary (Agri/Fy/AH) has also emphasis to use Cow urine/Dung also for making variable products.

**The SISC approved the Project.**

Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, the Chairman of SISC insisted to have project feedbacks and impact of the projects on the ultimate beneficiaries.

The approved action plan for the year 2017-18 for the continuing and new projects approved by the committee is at **Annexure II.**

The General Comment of Ministry of Agriculture on implementation of RKVY projects is at **Annexure III.**

**Approval of Projects of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchaai Yojana (PMKSY) to be continued during 2017-18**

After presentation of RKVY projects, Shri. Jayanta Biswas, AD (AE)MI of the Agriculture department presented the State Irrigation Plan under PMKSY before the committee. The District Irrigation Plans for the three districts with physical and financial estimates were highlighted. It was stated that the outlay of South Andaman District was Rs. 2332 lakhs, for N&M Andaman District was Rs. 3065.5 lakhs and for Nicobar District it was Rs. 225 lakhs. The total financial outlay of three districts was

Rs.5622.5 lakhs for a period of four years. It was also mentioned that the escalation in estimate may be around 20% on the basis of location and site while implementing the project.

For effective use of water, to achieve **“Per Drop More Crop”**, the best water storage structures with irrigation facilities was presented before the Committee. It includes 157 nos. of Check Dams, 400 nos. dugwell along streams, excavation of 1520 nos. lined ponds in hill tops, renovation of 400 nos. of existing ponds, excavation of 202 nos. MI ponds, supply of 1100 nos. electric motor and conveyance, laying out drip irrigation in 420 hectares area, construction of 30 nos. RCC ringwell, creation of 100 nos. small rainwater harvesting structures and 250 nos. land shaping in coastal areas. During 2017-18, renovation of Check Dam and Renovation of RCC ringwell is included in the Action Plan

The check dams will be executed by APWD / Zilla Parishad. Ponds, Wells and drip systems will be executed by the Agriculture Department in convergence with MGNREGA. In tribal areas, 100% expenditure will be borne by the Agriculture department in execution and in non-tribal areas the UT norms in execution will be followed. The Department of Agriculture will be the Nodal department and will monitor the execution of the projects.

It was informed by the Assistant Director (AE) MI that the first installment of Rs. 50.0 lakhs was released by the Ministry in the Month of June 2017. At present the survey and site selection is going on, 78 applications from North & Middle Andaman have been processed to be implemented during 2017-18. Preparation of DPR of PMKSY is under process as desired during the last SLSM meeting held on 04.10.2016. The Chairman suggested to complete the work at the earliest so that the second installment can be received early.

The SLSM chaired by the Chief Secretary, approved the schemes to be under taken under PMKSY in A&N Islands.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

  
**Director of Agriculture**



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Port Blair, dated the 08<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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3. The PS to the Principal Secretary (Planning & Finance) for kind information of the Principal Secretary (Finance & Planning), A&N Administration.
4. The Chief Engineer, APWD for kind information.
5. The Chief Engineer, Cauvery & Southern Rivers Organization, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
6. The PS to the Secretary (RD/Panchayats) A&N Admn for kind information.
7. The PS to the Secretary (Agriculture) A&N Admn. for kind information.
8. The PS to Secretary (Cooperation) for kind information.
9. The PA to Director of CIARI for kind information of Director of Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (CIARI), Port Blair.
10. The PA to Director of Fisheries for kind information of Director of Fisheries, A&N Administration for information and necessary action.
11. The PA to Director of AH&VS for kind information of Director of AH&VS, A&N Administration for information and necessary action.
12. The PA to DA for kind information of Director of Agriculture, A&N Administration.
13. The Incharge, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sippihat, A&N Islands for information.
14. The Joint Director (Agri),N&M Andaman for information and necessary action.
15. The Joint Director (Agri), S/Andaman for information and necessary action.
16. The Joint Director (Agri),Nicobar District for information and necessary action.
17. The Sr.AO (Agri), DA's Office for information.
18. The Assistant Director (AE), FM/MI/Soil for information and necessary action.
19. The Assistant Director (Agri), HQ /SBCL/ HVADA/ Mktg, for information and necessary action.
20. The Statistical Officer, DA's Office for information and necessary action.
21. All Zonal Officers for information & necessary action.
22. The A.O (ATMA) for information & necessary action.

**Copy also forwarded to:-**

1. The Adviser (Agri), NITI Aayog, Govt. of India, Yojana Bhavan ,New Delhi.
2. The Joint Secretary (RKVY) Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers welfare, Dept. of Agri., Cooperation & Farmers welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. The Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers welfare, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Krishi Bhavan ,New Delhi.
4. The Deputy Commissioner (Crops),Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers welfare, Dept. of Agri., Cooperation & Farmers welfare, Crops Division, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. The Director, RKVY, Govt. of India, Department of Agriculture , Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, RKVY Division, Krishi Bhavan Room no. 299-B,New Delhi.
6. The Joint Director(Extension Reforms), GOI, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Extensions Reforms Unit, Room No.546, Krishi Bhavan,New Delhi,110001.
7. The Commissioner (SPR), MoWR, RD&GR, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Rafi Marg, NewDelhi-11000 for kind information.

  
 Director of Agriculture



## ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF OFFICERS/OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED THE TWELFTH MEETING OF STATE LEVEL SANCTIONING COMMITTEE FOR RKVY AND 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF PMKSY HELD ON 20/07/2017 AT 4.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE SECRETARIAT, A&N ADMINISTRATION.

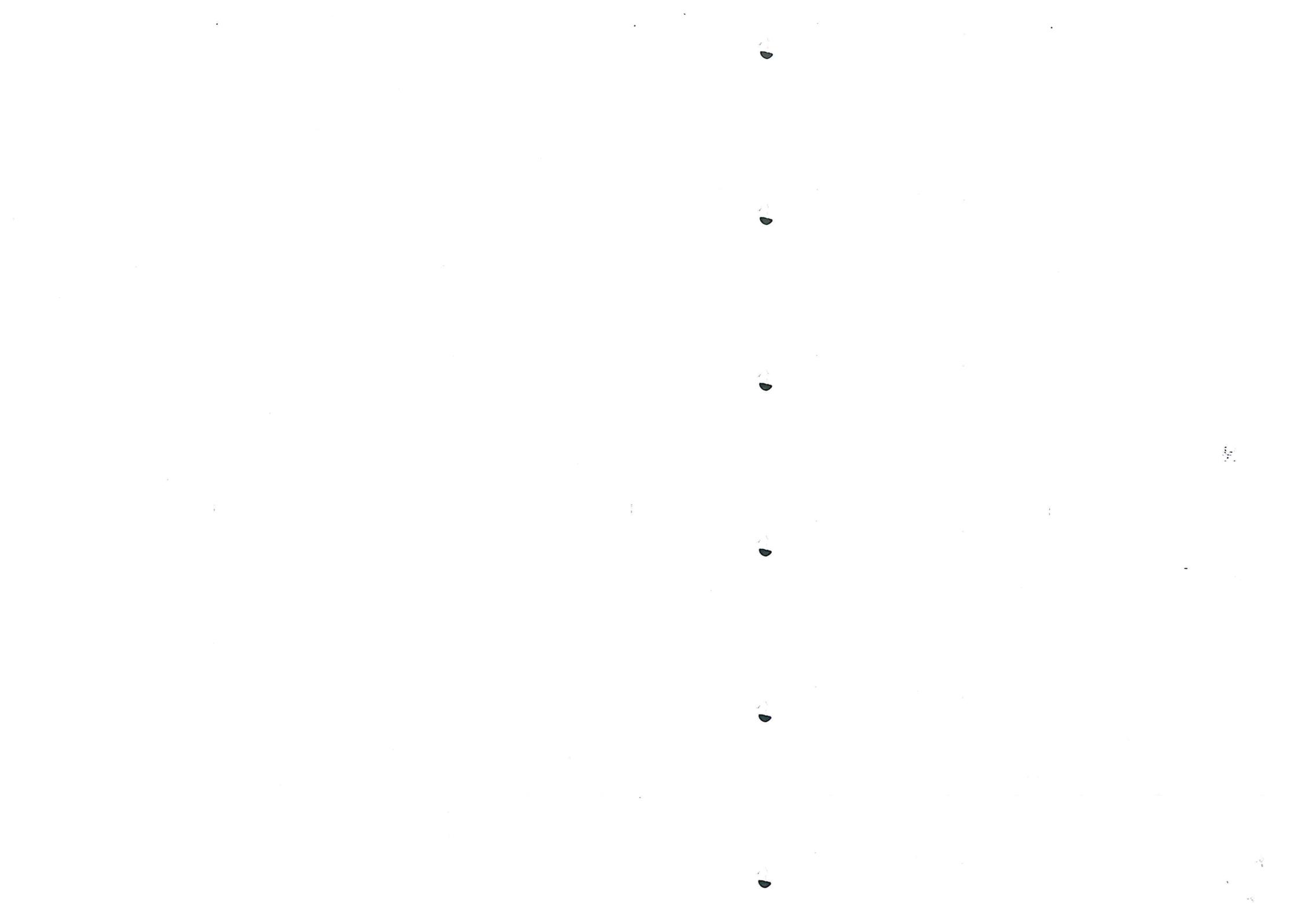
Sl. No	Name & Designation
1.	Shri. Anindo Majumdar, IAS Chief Secretary A&N Administration
2.	Shri. Ramesh Verma, IAS Secretary (Agri/AH&VS/Fy),A&N Administration
3.	Shri.V.K.Srivastava Under Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Gol.
4.	Smti.S.Kaushal, Secretary (Cooperation)A&N Administration
5.	Shri.M.Sivarama Subramanian, CE (i/d),APWD
6.	Shri.C.R.Mallick, IFS, DCF, Working plan Division.
7.	Dr.K.Sakthivel, Scientist, ICAR-CIARI
8.	Shri. Anjan Kumar Das, Director, Dept. of Agriculture
9.	Dr. Ashok Gupta, SVO, Dept. of AH&VS
10.	Shri. J. Chandrasekhar, Director ,Dept. of Fisheries
11.	Dr. Pankaj Biswas, Sr. Veterinary Officer, Dept. of AH&VS
12.	Dr. K.A .Naveen, Sr. Veterinary Officer, Dept. of AH&VS
13.	Shri.R.Y Singh, Joint Director (Agri)(HQ)
14.	Dr.G.S.Pandey, Joint Director (Agri)
15.	Shri.Mohd. Tahir, Asst. Director of Fisheries.
16.	Shri. Anoth Ram, AD (Agri) HQ
17.	Dr.(Smti) Chanda Srivastava, Assistant Director (Agri) HVVADA.
18.	Shri. C.Vinod Kumar, Assistant Director(Soil), Dept. of Agriculture
19.	Shri.Jayant Biswas , AD(AE)MI
20.	Ms. Jacinta Bage , Agriculture Officer, ATMA
21.	Smti.Seena Pillai, AA
22.	Smti.Alvira D'souza, AA
23.	Smti.Bindu Bency,AA

**PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL TARGET FOR RKVY DURING 2017-18**

Sl. No	Project Name	Phy. Target	Fin. Target (in lakhs)
<b>AGRICULTURE SECTOR</b>			
<b>I. New projects</b>			
1.	Biological control of major pest of crops in islands	Project based	37.55
2.	Infrastructure for Post Harvest Management through Solar Drying; Construction of Threshing cum drying yard of size (10m x 8m)	95 nos	51.01
<b>New projects of ICAR-CIARI</b>			
3.	Establishment of Plant Health Clinic for welfare of Island farmer	Project based (3 years) (2017-20)	92.17
4.	Technological interventions for Mushroom Production and popularization in Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Project based (2 years) (2017-19)	89.0
5.	Promotion of flower cultivation in modified planting system for socio-economic upliftment of islands farmers	Project based (3 years) (2017-19)	87.42 (subject to approval of ICAR)
6.	Boosting productivity of Black Pepper in A&N Islands through Promotion of Improved Varieties. Their Mass multiplication and quality Assessment of Island Produce.	Project based (3 years) (2017-19)	18.64 (subject to approval of ICAR)
<b>II. Continuing projects</b>			
<b>A. Sector - Horticulture</b>			
1.	Farm Ponds in departmental farm	4 nos	15.00
2.	RCC Ring Wells in departmental farm	2 nos	5.20
3.	Vermi compost units in departmental farm	18 nos	RKVY fund available with HVADA to be utilized
<b>B. Sector - Natural Resource Management</b>			
1.	Soil and Water conservation activities in Departmental Farm (Terracing, Gully Control Measures, Spill Ways, Check Dams, Spurs, Diversion Drains, Protection Walls etc.)	21 ha	100.00
<b>C. Sector - Agriculture Mechanization</b>			
1.	Custom Hiring Centres for Agriculture Equipment	3 nos	64.59

D	Promotion of Organic farming in A&N islands - Establishment of Vermi/ organic compost units in farmers field- tank/ ring method size- 9'x 5'x 2' (2.7 x 1.5 x 0.6 mt) /2 m diameter RCC rings.	1000 nos	RKVV available dept.	Fund with
E	Baseline survey to ascertain the present status of chemical residues in soil, water & agricultural products and its regular monitoring.	Project based	2.377	
F	Distribution of Vegetable and fruit sapling minikit under Fruit & Vegetable mission, Car Nicobar	2750 nos.	9.625	
G	Establishment of Bio fertilizer and bio pesticide production unit	1no.	65.0	
H	Infrastructure for Post Harvest Management through Solar Drying: Construction of Threshing cum drying yard of size (10m x 8m)	70 nos.	40.56	
I	Establishment of vermi/Organic compost units in Departmental Farms- 1 unit each at Organic Horticulture Farm- Sippighat & Progeny Farm, Jirkatang	2 Unit	RKVV available to be utilized	fund with
J	Conversion of departmental farm to Organic Demonstration Farm	2 farms	33.50	
K	Demonstration on "Drip irrigation" at Progeny Farm, Jirkatang.	1.0 ha	4.0	
<b>Sub Total (A)</b>			<b>715.642</b>	
<b>FISHERIES SECTOR</b>				
<b>Continuing projects</b>				
1	Subsidy on purchase of deep freezers on subsidy to fishermen/tribes of A&N Islands	50 nos	4.0	
2	Purchase of Ice boxes and 100 % transportation cost from Mainland to Port Blair to various Islands	150 nos.	5.0	
3	Subsidy for purchase of fish harvesting net	20 nets	2.0	
4	Introduction of Intermediary Mechanized Fishing Craft	6 crafts	90.0	
5	Financial Assistance (100%) for Tribal Council of Nicobar Districts to acquire Intermediary Mechanized Fishing Craft (IMFC) for the purpose of demonstration fishing in Nicobar District.	07 crafts	288.82	

6	Subsidy for construction of nursery ponds and breeding materials for fresh water fish seed production	10 ponds	2.0
7	Subsidy for purchase of Pellet Feed to Pisciculturists.	100	2.0
8	Subsidy for purchase of Moped for selling of fish.	10	3.0
9	Subsidy for purchase of refrigerated van	03	12.0
	<b>Subtotal (B )</b>		<b>348.82</b>
<b>ANIMAL HUSBANDRY &amp; VETERINARY SECTOR</b>			
<b>New project</b>			
1	Establishment of Model Livestock Based-Organic Integrated Farm	1	6.25
<b>Continuing project</b>			
2	Immunitization of Rural Backyard Poultry Birds		30.0
3	Incentive for Hygienic Pig Shelter	10 farmers	2.50
4	Study on the status of minerals profile in cattle sera and its correlation with infertility and Production.	-	14.00
5	Strengthening of Artificial Insemination facilities using Frozen Semen Technology- Maintenance of Cold Chain facilities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.	1No.	170.00
6	Incentive for construction of Cow Shelter	20 nos	10.00
7	Promotion of Azolla as feed supplement	70 ponds	10.00
	<b>Sub Total (C )</b>		<b>242.75</b>
	<b>Grand total (A+B+C)</b>		<b>1307.212</b>



### ANNEXURE - III

#### GENERAL COMMENTS:

1. The State, while releasing the fund to implementing agency, will ensure that the project fulfils all the conditions prescribed in the new Operational Guidelines of RKVY 2014 e.g.
  - i. Cost Norms: Cost norms in similar Govt. of India/ State Govt. Schemes/ Programmes shall be followed. In case, no cost norms are available, SLSC can take a conscious decision on the proposed cost norms based on local parameters. (para 4.6 of RKVY Guidelines,2014).
  - ii. Pattern of Assistance: Specified in various central Government Schemes will be applicable to the projects. The condition of financial assistance should not be more than 25% of the project cost has to be followed where ever applicable.
  - iii. All Government ( Centre/ State) and quasi- Govt. (Fully funded organization, State Agriculture Universities, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Primary Agriculture Credit Societies(PACS) etc. may be entitled to 100% funding of Project cost under RKVY for creation of assets/ infrastructure to promote activities in agriculture and allied sectors. It has been approved by the competent authority that in case of Implementing Agency which is fully Government or Semi Government Organization the rate of subsidy will be 100% for infrastructure & creation of asset and for others rate of subsidy will be as per Guidelines of RKVY.
  - iv. Technical Requirements/Standards specified in various Central Government Schemes will be applicable to these projects.
2. While implementing approved projects, State may ensure that there should not be any duplication of funds with the activities of any other scheme.
3. Ongoing projects and new projects from 2014-15 onward should be categorized into "Production Growth" and "Infrastructure & Assets" for facilitating allocation of funds (para-4 of RKVY guidelines,2014). out of total allocation available to States under RKVY ( Normal) category (excluding allocation under special schemes) the States will have to allocated minimum stipulated fund to " Infrastructure & Assets stream"

(35% at central level or 43.75 % at State Level) as per letter No.9-1/2013- -RKVY dated 11.12.2014.

4. In no case, any fund can be released to a project which is in the Negative List prescribed in appendix B of RKVY Guidelines.
5. Sub-Schemes: the project has to be approved by Subject Matter Division of DAC/DAHD&F.
6. States may be requested to update RKVY -RDMIS regularly.
7. All recurring expenditure will be subject to Negative list, (Annexure D) & 1% administrative cost guidelines.
8. It has been noticed in the Pre-SLSC meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 that there was not propose representation of the different line departments of the State and the projects included in the Agenda for approval of SLSC were not appropriately explained during the meeting. The State is requested to ensure effective participation in the pre-SLSC meeting at DAS&FW in future.
9. The ongoing projects proposed by the States for 2017-18 should contain the details regarding the date of SLSC in which the project was sanctioned along with the sanctioned number and date as it will facilitate easy identification of the project.
10. State govt. will prioritise the projects as per the allocation and upload the project on MIS. The State Government may ensure that there is no overlapping of assistance for a project under RKVY from different other schemes.
11. State needs to send UCs for the unspent balance available to become eligible for release of first installment.
12. The UT administration is advised to approve and prioritize the projects by restricting the cost at 1.5 times of the allocation conveyed under RKVY during 2017-18.