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Sir/Madam,

Sub: Agriculture - National Agriculture Development Programme /
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana for the year 2017-18 – 15th
State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) meeting held on
20.04.2017 – Minutes communicated.

Ref: G.O.(Ms).No.424, Agriculture (AP4) Department, dated:
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I am to enclose herewith the Minutes of the 15th meeting of State Level Sanctioning Committee of National Agriculture Development Programme / Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana for the year 2017-18 held on 20.04.2017 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



2.5.2017

for Agricultural Production Commissioner and
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21/5/17

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**Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC)
of the National Agriculture Development Programme held on 20.04.2017**

List of participants is annexed.

At the outset, the Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department welcomed the Chief Secretary & Chair person of the SLSC, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance and other members to the meeting. He introduced the Government of India representative, Dr.Shakil P.Ahammed, Joint Secretary, MIDH and nodal officer for Tamil Nadu to the Chief Secretary and other participants. The APC & Principal Secretary to Government gave an overall view about RKVY implementation in the State. He informed the Committee that the final allocation was reduced to Rs.338 crore during 2016-17 when compared to the interim allocation of Rs.509 Cr. The APC said that higher allocation is expected during 2017-18 and informed that the details on expenditure on agriculture and allied sectors have been furnished to Government of India for calculating the interstate allocation. The final allocation is yet to be given by Government of India.

The record of discussions is as below:

Agenda I

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee held on 19.02.2016 respectively.

Resolution - Confirmed.

Agenda II

Action taken on the Minutes of the 14th State Level Sanctioning Committee.

Resolution – Recorded.

Agenda III

Department wise performance for the year 2016-17

Resolution – Reviewed and Recorded.

Agenda IV

Project Proposals for the Year 2017-18

The APC stated that, for the year 2017-18, projects have been proposed for an amount of Rs.531 crores to accommodate more projects and take them up on priority basis based on the final allocation. The APC informed that Committee that a Pre scrutiny meeting was held at the Government of India level on 18.04.2017 at Krishi Bhawan and the nodal officer Dr.Shakil P.Ahammed who participated in the meeting is well versed with the remarks of the divisions of Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. When the Chief Secretary/ Chairman, SLSC asked about the procedure being followed for giving sanction for projects among the departments, the APC explained that weightage for the implementing departments are given based on the fund support that they receive from various schemes of Central and State Governments other than RKVY. The departments like Horticulture and Fisheries which receive substantial funds from Government of India schemes like Mission for

Integrated Development of Horticulture and Blue Revolution are given lower allocation under RKVY and departments like Agriculture and Animal Husbandry are given higher allocation. The APC presented the overall budget abstract for the year 2017-18 and requested the Heads of implementing departments to present their projects before the Committee.

The ACS, Finance opined that the projects should be formulated in such a manner that they trigger growth and the impact created by the projects is remarkable. Implementing small projects in fewer areas will not yield any desirable results. The ACS, Finance requested the Heads of Departments to prepare few projects with larger coverage so that the impact is visible.

Project Proposal No. 15.1

Project Title	: Strategic Rice Production Programme (SRPP)
Implementing Department	: Department of Agriculture
Project Cost	: Rs. 7500.00 Lakhs
Remarks of Crops Division of GoI	: Components: Ploughing subsidy for taking up direct sowing & Direct sowing with seed drill "State may adopt an assistance of custom hiring centre @ Rs.1500/- per ha instead of giving subsidy for ploughing and direct sowing with seed drill"
	Component: Publicity "State may utilize contingency fund of RKVY." Supported from 1% admin funds under RKVY
Discussion	: The APC informed that the project has been prepared keeping in mind the drought situation prevailing in the State. The funding will be useful to cater to special packages for Kuruwai and Samba seasons, if needed. The ACS, Finance suggested that Zinc Sulphate application should be taken up based on the requirement of the soils. With respect to subsidy for ploughing and direct sowing with seed drill, the ACS, Finance opined that having adequate number of custom hiring centres alone will be a long term solution to cater to the farmers' needs. As the number of custom hiring centres (CHCs) are less at present it was agreed that the component can be taken up this year.
Resolution	: The SLSC resolved to approve the proposal with the remarks that i) the Publicity amount of Rs.30.00 lakh should be met from 1% Administrative funds of NADP ii) Zinc Sulphate application component should be taken up in an area specific manner instead of spreading it across all the districts

Project Proposal No. 15.2

Project Title	: Pulses Improvement Programme
Implementing Department	: Department of Agriculture
Project Cost	: Rs. 2000.00 Lakhs
Remarks of Crops Division of Gol	<p>Component : 2% Dap Foliar Spray</p> <p>"Supported as per applicable norms of Central/State Schemes. No repetition of beneficiaries should be there with non-NFSM Districts. DBT should be followed for transferring the subsidy.</p> <p>Component : Promotion of line sowing</p> <p>"Line sowing is recommended practices & does not require additional support"</p> <p>Component: Distribution of HYVs of more than 15 yr old varieties</p> <p>" Crops Division supports the distribution of HYVs of less than 10 years only"</p>
Discussion	<p>: The Director of Agriculture explained that duplication of beneficiaries is avoided by having separate beneficiary lists for NFSM and NADP and transferring the subsidy is being done through DBT mode. In respect of line sowing, the DoA explained that the line sowing is done on raised beds in the case of black gram and green gram and the ACS, Finance appreciated the fact that the raised bed method being followed in pulses is an innovative method where there is scope for drip irrigation opined that this component should be supported and the Committee accepted.</p> <p>With regard to giving production and distribution subsidy for more than 15 years old varieties, the DoA explained that most of the ruling pulses varieties, particularly for rice fallow pulses are more than 15 years old and support for these varieties is necessary. When the ACS, Finance asked about the availability new pulses varieties to replace the older varieties, the Vice Chancellor, TNAU replied that varieties capable of replacing older varieties have been developed but they require notification. The Chief Secretary remarked that process of notification needs to be expedited. It was accepted that, as notification for the new varieties is pending, the older varieties may be accepted this year and the JS, MIDH also opined that based on the State's requirement, exemption may be given.</p>
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project including the line sowing Subsidy component and production and distribution subsidy for less than 10 year old pulses varieties.

Project Proposal No. 15.3

Project Title : Intensive Millets Production Programme (IMPP)
Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture
Project Cost : Rs. 517.00 Lakh
Resolution : SLSC approved the project for Rs.517 Lakh

Project Proposal No. 15. 4

Project Title : Integrated production improvement programme for oilseeds
Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture
Project Cost : Rs. 999.50 lakhs
Remarks of Oilseeds Division of Gol : Component: Production assistance for Oil seeds
"Under the scheme assistance is provided for production of oilseed varieties upto 10 years old instead of 15 years old @ Rs. 1000/- per qtl"
Component : Distribution of Certified seeds
"Under the scheme assistance is provided for production of oilseed varieties upto 10 years old instead of 15 years old @ Rs. 2500/- per qtl"
Discussion : The DoA elucidated that in the case oil seeds, TMV 7 is the major ruling variety which is more than 10 years old and should be supported in the absence of varieties capable of completely replacing TMV 7. The VC, TNAU informed the Committee that though a new variety has been introduced this year, seed multiplication to the required extent needs to be done till which time the older varieties may be supported. The VC, TNAU, further informed that a new technology is on the anvil to increase the keeping quality of oilseeds by reducing their predisposition for rancidity and hoped that the new technology combined with new variety will largely help in increasing the production and productivity of oil seeds in the State.
Resolution : SLSC approved the project for Rs.999.50 lakh including the components of providing production and distribution subsidy for less than 10 years old varieties.

Project Proposal No. 15.5

- Project Title : Increasing Production and Productivity in Sugarcane
- Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture
- Project Cost : Rs. 5000.00 Lakhs
- Discussion : The ACS, Finance remarked that to compensate the decrease in sugarcane area, the productivity should be increased by having packages combining components like Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative (SSI), chip bud seedlings and drip irrigation. The CS opined that water saving in sugarcane crop through drip irrigation will be substantial as it is a continuous crop which is grown for 2 to 3 years. The ACS, Finance suggested that cooperative sugar mills may be asked to cover the entire new area and part of the old area with drip irrigation and the cane officers of the sugar mills may be given targets regarding this.
- Resolution : SLSC approved the project for Rs.5000 lakh.**

Project Proposal No. 15.6

- Project Title : Control of Red palm weevil
- Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture
- Project Cost : Rs. 80.00 lakhs
- Resolution : SLSC approved the project.**

Project Proposal No. 15.7

- Project Title : Supply of Solar powered Insect light traps for farmers
- Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture
- Project Cost : Rs. 500.00 lakhs
- Resolution : SLSC approved the project.**

Project Proposal No. 15.8

- Project Name : Construction of Sub Agricultural Extension Centres (160 Centres @ Rs.30 lakhs)
- Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture

Project cost : Rs. 4800.00 Lakhs

Amt required for 2017-18 : Rs. 750.00 Lakhs

Discussion : The ACS, Finance enquired about the location of the centres and the DoA explained that these sub AECs are proposed at the Firka level. The APC clarified that these centres are proposed in such a way as to replace the existing dilapidated buildings of sub depots in the State by prioritizing them.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.9

Project Title : Strengthening of new storage godown for 6 Liquid Bio fertilizer production units

Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture

Project Cost : Rs. 300.00 Lakhs

Discussion : The DoA explained the need for the godowns in the liquid bio fertilizer production units for storing the raw materials and the Committee accepted.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.10

Project Title : Improving infrastructure facilities in Coconut nurseries

Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture

Project Cost : Rs. 179.51 Lakhs.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.11

Project Title : Enrichment of soil fertility by promoting the cultivation of green manure crops

Implementing Department : Department of Agriculture

Project Cost : Rs. 750.00 Lakhs

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Proposal No. 15.12

Project Title : Banana Bunch Sleeves
Implementing Department : Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost : Rs. 100.00 Lakhs.
Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.13

Project Title : Revival of Traditional horticulture crops in crop specific zones
Implementing Department : Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost : Rs. 800.10 lakhs
Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.14

Project Title : Onion Development Programme
Implementing Department : Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost : Rs. 1000.00 Lakhs
Remarks of MIDH Division of Gol : "Supported as per MIDH norms"
Discussion : The DHPC explained that this project is wholesome involving both Production Growth and Infrastructure components. It was informed that though MIDH norms allow Onion Storage structures of only 25 MT capacity, it is proposed to give assistance from 5 MT to 50 MT capacity structures under this project as per the requirement of farmers and the unit cost is worked out on pro rata basis and the Committee accepted.
The ACS, Finance suggested that to avoid onion shortage, few varieties from Nashik which have thick skin and less moisture content may be introduced in some of the big onion belts such as Hosur, Perambalur, Thuraiyur and Alangulam on a trial basis. The JS, MIDH supplemented this suggestion by saying that the planting materials of these varieties are readily available with National Horticulture Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) and the Director of Horticulture accepted the suggestion.
Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.15

Project Title : AESA based Integrated Pest Management
Implementing Department : Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost : Rs. 500.00 Lakhs
Discussion : The DHPC informed the Committee that the cost norm followed for the Solar Light traps is similar to the cost norm proposed by the Department of Agriculture for the same component.
Resolution : SLSC approved the proposal.

Project Proposal No. 15.16

Project Title : Assistance for crop specific harvest, Post harvest and Protective equipment
Implementing Department : Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost : Rs. 600.00 Lakhs
Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol : "Supported to the extent of RKVY/MIDH Norms as applicable"
Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.17

Project Title : Area Expansion in Horticultural Crops in non NHM districts
Implementing Department : Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost : Rs. 500.09 Lakhs
Discussion : The APC explained the Committee that farmers of the nine non-NHM districts are given support under RKVY for the NHM components
Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.18

Project Title : Protected Cultivation
Implementing Department : Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost : Rs. 499.935 Lakhs
Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.19

Project Title	: Horticulture Introduction in Non-Farm Sector
Implementing Department	: Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost	: Rs. 50.00 Lakhs
Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol	: Supported to the extent of RKVY guidelines
Discussion	: The DHPC explained that there is continuous demand for horticulture plant seedlings from various institutions on a small scale. To cater to those institutions, planting materials produced in State Horticulture Farms may be supplied at 40% subsidy. As per MIDH norms, 40% may be allowed by considering this intervention also as an area expansion and the Committee accepted.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the proposal as per RKVY norms.

Project Proposal No. 15.20

Project Title	: Homestead garden kits
Implementing Department	: Department of Horticulture & Plantation Crops
Project Cost	: Rs. 100.00 Lakhs
Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol	: As it falls under Area expansion project of MIDH it is supported with subsidy of 40%.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.21

Project Title	: Tractor Ploughing Operation in Dry land areas of Tamil Nadu
Implementing Department	: Agricultural Engineering Department
Project Cost	: Rs. 1250.00 Lakhs
Discussion	: The APC informed the Committee that this project is being dovetailed with the Mission for Sustainable Dry land Agriculture
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.22

Project Title : Promotion of Farm Mechanization through Farmers Groups/FPOs/any such other entities on village basis in low farm power availability Districts of Tamil Nadu

Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department

Project Cost : Rs. 1600.00 Lakhs

Resolution : The SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.23

Project Title : Procurement of Resistivity meter for Engineering Department

Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department

Project Cost : Rs. 54.00 Lakhs

Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol : "Supported to the extent of RKVY guidelines

Discussion : The Committee was informed that the digital resistivity meters are to be procured for use by the geologists of AED and as they are meant for State Government department, 100% assistance is allowed and the Committee accepted. The C.E further assured that the procurement will be made following the Tamil Nadu Transparency in tenders Act 2000.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.24

Project Title : Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project in Tamil Nadu

Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department

Project Cost : Rs. 450.00 Lakhs

Remarks of RKVY Division : "Supported as per PMKSY norms after inclusion in DIP/SIP in the State"

Discussion : The C.E, AED explained that this project is very important in preventing siltation of multipurpose reservoirs and at present concentrate on Mettur and South Pennaiyar catchments. The C.E explained that all the components proposed are as per

PMKSY(Watershed Development) norms and NMSA norms and that they have already been included in the State Irrigation Plan (SIP) and District Irrigation Plans (DIP)

Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.25

Project Title : Reclamation of problem soils
Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department
Project Cost : Rs. 1050.00 Lakhs
Discussion : The C.E, AED informed the Committee that this project is a Sub scheme under RKVY and is based on the RPS guidelines. The C.E requested the Committee to approve the inclusion of Villupuram district in the place of Nagapattinam district and the Committee accepted

Resolution : SLSC approved the proposal under RPS sub scheme of RKVY approving the inclusion of Villupuram district in the place of Nagapattinam district.

Project Proposal No. 15.26

Project Title : Mechanized Sugarcane Cultivation through Co-operative Sugar mills / FPOs / Entrepreneurs in Tamil Nadu
Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department
Project Cost : Rs. 360.00 Lakhs
Discussion : The CS suggested that private sugar mills should maintain custom hiring centres to promote mechanization in sugarcane cultivation. The ACS, Finance suggested that at least 3-4 FPOs should be promoted for each sugar mill. The ACS, Finance further suggested that the sugarcane machineries may be attached with private sugar mills also so that they will maintained well.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.27

Project Title : Distribution of Post Harvest Technology and Management machinery
Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department

Project Cost : Rs. 400.00 Lakhs
Discussion : The APC explained that the proposal is to be dovetailed with Mission for sustainable dry land dry land agriculture
Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.28

Project Title : Establishment of Agricultural Machinery and Implements Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs)
Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department
Project Cost : Rs. 2000.00 Lakhs
Discussion : The C.E, AED explained that there are 632 CHCs formed in the State and these will help to cater to more number of small and marginal farmers
Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.29

Project Title : Agricultural Mechanization in Tamil Nadu
Implementing Department : Agricultural Engineering Department
Project Cost : Rs. 500.00 Lakhs
Discussion : The C.E, AED recalled the comments of the Screening Committee about the distribution of Paddy transplanter only which have provision for adjusting the Row to Row spacing. He explained that Paddy Transplanter which have provision for adjusting the hill to hill spacing alone are available and they may be distributed. The Committee accepted.
Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.30

Project Title : Strengthening of Agmark laboratories by providing laboratory equipments
Implementing Department : Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business
Project Cost : Rs. 119.65 Lakhs

Remarks of Marketing Division of Gol	: "The proposal is supported and assistance @25% is available under AMI sub-scheme of ISAM. Total subsidy admissible for the project is Rs.0.299 crores (25% of Rs.1.196 crores) (The above proposal has been submitted by the government previously also, hence any amount released earlier may also be taken care of)"
Discussion	: The Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing clarified that the Agmark labs are under the control of Marketing Department and hence require funding support for their upgradation. He further explained that the project was initiated last year under NADP under which some selected laboratories were supplied with latest equipment. Funds proposed under current project will be helpful for strengthening the remaining laboratories with the proposed 130 equipment. The Committee accepted to give 100% assistance for this project as this is a State owned project
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project with 100% assistance as it is a State owned project.

Project Proposal No. 15.31

Project Title	: Pilot scale Mobile Tomato puree vending machines in Krishnagiri and Coimbatore District
Implementing Department	: Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business
Project Cost	: Rs. 200.00 Lakhs
Remarks of M RKVY Division of Gol	: " Supported to the extent of MIDH norms"
Discussion	: The Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing explained that the department is focusing on post harvest management and value addition aspects and hence projects have been formulated on that line. The Commissioner explained that concerned Regulated Markets will own the mobile vending units and they will operate in close association with the FPOs in these areas for effective utilization. The Commissioner further explained that the unit cost based on IICPT Model will be finalized after receiving quotations from suppliers, and the installation will be done as per Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 2000. The JS, MIDH accepted the fact that as the project is to be owned by the RMs of the State Government, the project is eligible for 100% assistance. The Committee accepted.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project with 100% assistance.

Project Proposal No. 15.32

Project Title	: Formation of 10 New Farmer Producer Organization
Implementing Department	: Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business
Project Cost	: Rs. 432.10 Lakhs
Discussion	: The Commissioner of Marketing explained that FPOs are largely promoted in the State by the department and that there are 32 FPOs promoted under NADP so far. The ACS, Finance threw some light on how the Farmers Interest Groups at the block level are federated into FPOs of 1000 members each. The APC informed the CS that there is fortnightly review on FPOs and that many of the FPOs are functioning extremely well in the State.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.33

Project Title	: Establishment of Learning Centres for Agro Entrepreneurs in 9 districts
Implementing Department	: Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business
Project Cost	: Rs. 734.00 Lakhs
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.34

Project Title	: Construction of own building for Sethiathoppu RM and Strengthening of Srimushnum RM in Cuddalore District
Implementing Department	: Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business
Project Cost	: Rs. 521.00 Lakhs
Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol	: "Supported to the extent of ISAM norms (25% subsidy)"
Discussion	: The Commissioner explained that the project is a State owned one and is eligible for 100% subsidy as per RKVY guidelines and the Committee accepted. The Commissioner further elucidated that since Cuddalore district is frequently prone for

natural disasters like cyclones and floods and keeping in mind the clay soil conditions, the amount has been fixed as per the Tamil Nadu Government, PWD Standard schedule of rates for the year 2016-17. Due diligence will be done as per Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 2000.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project allowing 100% assistance.

Project Proposal No. 15.35

Project Title : Solar driers for Turmeric and Coconut to Erode and Thanjavur Districts

Implementing Department : Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business

Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol : "Supported as per RKVY norms (100% subsidy for Govt. Owned projects)"

Project Cost : Rs. 24.00 Lakhs

Resolution : SLSC approved the project.

Project Proposal No. 15.36

Project Title : Establishment of Maize Market Promotion centre in Mangalore block of Cuddalore District

Implementing Department : Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business

Project Cost : Rs. 378.00 Lakhs

Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol : "Supported to the extent of RKVY norms"

Discussion : The Committee accepted that the project is eligible for 100% assistance as per RKVY guidelines as it is a State owned project.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project allowing 100% subsidy.

Project Proposal No. 15.37

Project Title : Setting up of Jack fruit value addition centre in Cuddalore District

Implementing Department : Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business

Project Cost : Rs. 281.00 Lakhs

Remarks of RKVY Division of Gol : "Supported as per PWD/RKVY norms. However, general vehicles not allowed. State to clarify what kind of vehicle it is"

Discussion : The Commissioner clarified that the vehicle proposed is not a general one and a mini refrigerated van is necessary for transportation of jack fruits to the unit for processing and the Committee accepted

Resolution : SLSC approved the project including the vehicle component.

Project Proposal No. 15.38

Project Title : Establishment of Pulses-based inoculant production units for sustainable pulse productivity of Tamil Nadu

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

Total Project Cost : Rs. 300.00 lakhs

Remarks of Gol : "Supported subject to comments/ approval of ICAR."

Discussion : The Vice Chancellor, TNAU informed the Committee that comments of ICAR would be obtained.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project subject to concurrence from ICAR

Project Proposal No. 15.39

Project Title : Establishment of Pilot Water Soluble Fertilizer Production Units for facilitating farmers for stage wise crop nutrition

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

Total Project Cost : Rs. 531.00 Lakhs

Remarks of Gol : "Supported subject to comments/ approval of ICAR."

Discussion : The Vice Chancellor, TNAU informed the Committee that comments of ICAR would be obtained.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project subject to concurrence from ICAR

Project Proposal No. 15.40

Project Title	: Establishment of Model processing unit of Oil palm and Coconut at Eachangkottai, Orathanadu
Implementing Department	: Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
Project Cost	: Rs. 99.73 Lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Supported subject to comments/ approval of ICAR."
Discussion	: The Vice Chancellor, TNAU informed the Committee that comments of ICAR would be obtained.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project subject to concurrence from ICAR

Project Proposal No. 15.41

Project Title	: Remote sensing based information for crop coverage, yield estimation and drought monitoring
Implementing Department	: Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
Total Project Cost	: Rs. 207.00 Lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Not supported in view of comments from ICAR"
Discussion	: The VC, TNAU explained importance of the project and how the remote sensing applications/modules helped in monitoring the drought this year. He further informed the Committee that based on the comments of ICAR a revised proposal has been submitted to ICAR for concurrence.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project subject to concurrence from ICAR

Project Proposal No. 15.42

Project Title	: Establishment of incubation centre for training of farm women in Trichy and Delta districts
Implementing Department	: Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
Total Project Cost	: Rs. 135.00 Lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Supported to the extent of CPWD/ASC/ATMA norms."
Discussion	: The Vice Chancellor, TNAU informed the Committee that comments of ICAR would be obtained and for the training components proposed ATMA norms will be followed.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project subject to concurrence from ICAR

Project Proposal No. 15.43

Project Title	: Purchase of Laboratory Equipment/Instruments for Strengthening of Seed Testing Laboratories
Implementing Department	: Department of Seed Certification & Organic Certification.
Project Cost	: Rs. 100.00 Lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Out of 29 STLs as proposed by the State, only 8 STLs are notified under the Seed Act, 1966. Therefore only 8 notified STLs (at Coimbatore+ TNAU, Dharmapuri, Trichy, Thanjavur, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Kancheepuram) may be allowed as per SMSP norms only"
Discussion	: At the State level all the 29 STLs are considered as notified. But at the Central Level, only 8 STLs which have seed analysts are considered as notified. The Committee advised to revise the proposal as per SMSP.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project in principle with instructions to revise the proposal.

Project Proposal No. 15.44

Project Title	: Gap Fund requirement for Foot & Mouth Disease Control Programme
Implementing Department	: Animal Husbandry Department
Project Cost	: Rs. 3515.035 Lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Not Supported in present form".
Discussion	: The Director of Animal Husbandry explained that this is an important intervention which needs to be taken up twice in a year to prevent the disease outbreak and loss of precious cattle. The APC supplemented that though this is a centrally sponsored Scheme, there is a need for RKVY funding support to bridge the gap. The APC informed the Committee that the suggestion of getting support under RKVY for the gap has been given by the JS, Animal Husbandry, Government of India himself. The ACS, Finance suggested that a detailed justification may be sent to Government of India in this regard.
Resolution	: SLSC resolved to give in principle approval to the project and advised the Animal Husbandry Department to obtain the Gol approval by furnishing needed justification

Project Proposal No. 15.45

Project Title	: Optimization of Productive and Reproductive Potentials of Crossbred Cattle in Dry land Area.
Implementing Department	: Animal Husbandry Department
Project Cost	: Rs. 2000.00 lakhs
Discussion	: The APC informed the Committee that this project is meant to be dovetailed with the Mission for Sustainable Dry land agriculture
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.46

Project Title	: Establishment of Native Chicken Breeding Complex at Poultry Farm, Kattupakkam
Implementing Department	: Animal Husbandry Department
Project Cost	: Rs. 674.875 lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Cost of Construction activities should be vetted by the competent authority. Strict adherence to procurement rules and norms should be observed" "As per RKVY guidelines "expenses towards hiring of manpower on outsourcing/contractual basis can be met with in 1% allocation earmarked for administrative expenses with the approval of SLSC". State Department may take up with the SLSC"
Discussion	: The Director explained that PWD norms will be followed and all procurement will be based on Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 2000
Resolution	: SLSC resolved to approve the project and provide the labour cost component for Rs.12.75 lakh from the 1% administrative funds of RKVY.

Project Proposal No. 15.47

Project Title	: Strengthening of Departmental Livestock Farms for Sustainable Fodder Production
Implementing Department	: Animal Husbandry Department
Project Cost	: Rs. 791.00 lakhs
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.48

Project Title	: Doorstep veterinary and emergency health services (155 Units)
Implementing Department	: Dairy Development Department / Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd
Project Cost	: Rs. 1037.00 lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Supported"
Discussion	: The APC explained that this is a popular ongoing programme being implemented since 2011-12. The Aavin officials explained the mode of implementation in detail.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.49

Project Title	: Infrastructure strengthening for Re-vamping of dairy capacities in DCMPU Ltd of Virudhunagar, Dharmapuri and Tirunelveli.
Implementing Department	: Dairy Development Department / Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd
Project Cost	: Rs. 484.00 lakhs
Discussion	: The Commissioner of Dairy Development explained that the unions proposed for strengthening are financially weak and require funding support under RKVY
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.50

Project Title	: Improvement of Tilapia (GIFT) hatchery and increasing rearing unit in Krishnagiri Government Fish farm-phase II
Implementing Department	: Department of Fisheries
Project Cost	: Rs. 250.00 lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Not supported in the present form. Proposal needs revision"
Discussion	: The JS, MIDH remarked that as per the comments of Fisheries division of Government of India, revised proposal with justification for cost proposed for each of the component needs to be sent to Government of India.
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project subject to approval of Government of India.

Project Proposal No. 15.51

Project Title	: Establishment of Sit and Dine Sea Food Restaurant at Teynampet, Chennai by TNFDC
Implementing Department	: Department of Fisheries
Project Cost	: Rs.100.00 lakhs
Remarks of Fisheries Division of Gol	: Investment in the Sea Food restaurant for establishing "Sit and Dine" facilities will be a commercial venture, which should be undertaken itself by the TNFDC using its own funds. This Division does not support the government aid for such proposals
Discussion	: The APC accepted the comments of Gol and informed the Committee that the project will be taken up with TNFDC funds
Resolution	: SLSC resolved that the project will be implemented with TNFDC funds.

Project Proposal No.15.52

Project Title	: Deployment of Artificial reefs in the Inshore areas of Coastal villages
Implementing Department	: Department of Fisheries
Project Cost	: Rs. 375.00 lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Supported"
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No.15.53

Project Title	: Expansion of fish culture in Multipurpose farm ponds by encouraging farmers of Tamil Nadu @ Rs.0.75 lakh/farm pond (50 ha)
Implementing Department	: Department of Fisheries
Project Cost	: Rs. 150.00 lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Not supported in present form. Proposal needs revision".
Discussion	: The JS, MIDH remarked that required clarification/justification may be sent to Government of India at the earliest and seek the approval.
Resolution	: SLSC resolved to give in principle approval to the project in view of the pending approval of Government of India.

Project Proposal No.15.54

Project Title	: Upgradation of fishing efficiency of inland fishermen of Tamil Nadu
Implementing Department	: Department of Fisheries
Project Cost	: Rs. 162.00 lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "This item is superficial as it will not contribute to fish production and the item is not as per BR guidelines. Not supported"
Discussion	: The committee suggested that Fisheries Department needs to furnish justification to Government of India.
Resolution	: SLSC resolved to give in principle approval to the project in view of the pending approval of Government of India.

Project Proposal No.15.55

Project Title	: Providing subsidy assistance to traditional fishing crafts of Tamil Nadu for procurement of Squid jigging material
Implementing Department	: Department of Fisheries
Project Cost	: Rs. 25.00 lakhs
Remarks of Gol	: "Supported"
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.56

Project Title	: Establishment Of Kangayam Cattle Research Station At Erode District
Implementing Department	: Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University
Project Cost	: Rs. 300.77 lakh
Remarks of ICAR	: The proposal on Kangayam cattle will be a step forward in not only conserving the breed but also in maintaining the purity of the breed through selective breeding. The proposed infrastructure should be modern to maintain good management practices. The proposal is recommended funding under RKVY
Resolution	: SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.57

Project Title : Establishment of Genetic Resource Centre for Conservation of the Indigenous Cattle breeds of Tamil Nadu - Pulikulam (Jallikattu breed)

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University

Project Cost : Rs. 331.23 Lakhs

Remarks of ICAR : The proposal on Kangayam cattle will be a step forward in not only conserving the breed but also in maintaining the purity of the breed through selective breeding. The proposed infrastructure should be modern to maintain good management practices. The proposal is recommended funding under RKVY

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.58

Project Title : Additional funding for the ongoing Animal Mobile Medical Ambulance for Rural Veterinary Care in Tamil Nadu

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University

Project Cost : Rs. 125.00 lakhs

Remarks of ICAR : Strengthening the animal health care in rural areas will be enhanced through efficient animal mobile ambulance with suitable capacity and infrastructure. In view of this, the proposal is recommended to provide better animal health care in rural areas.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.59

Project Title : Demonstration and Training for Farmers' Capacity Building at Regional outstations of CeSA in TNFU

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Fisheries University

Project Cost : Rs. 100.534 Lakhs

Remarks of ICAR : Supported

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.60

Project Title : Establishment of Fisheries Techno Park cum Fish Processing Technology Business Incubation Centre

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Fisheries University

Project Cost : Rs. 164.65 Lakhs

Remarks of ICAR : Supported

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.61

Project Title : Establishment of National Aquatic Rainbow Mall

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Fisheries University

Project Cost : Rs. 505.60 Lakhs

Remarks of ICAR : The Subject Matter Division is convinced on the technical relevance of the project and recommends for its funding

Discussion : The APC explained that the project is an innovative one and its aim is to facilitate fisherman to take up ornamental fisheries as a profitable enterprise by providing all necessary infrastructure in the National Aquatic Rainbow Mall.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.62

Project Title : Establishment of Fisheries Training Institute at Royapuram

Implementing Department : Department of Fisheries

Project Cost : Rs. 550.00 Lakhs

Remarks of ICAR : Supported

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Project Proposal No. 15.63

Project Title : Construction of Covered shed for Paddy Storage in Delta district-15 Nos

Implementing Department : Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation

Project Cost : Rs. 1300.00 lakh

Remarks of Gol : Supported

Discussion : The MD, TNCSC explained the importance of the project to the Committee and the Committee accepted to provide 100% assistance as it is meant for Corporation under the State Government.

Resolution : SLSC approved the project for Rs.12754 lakh excluding the cost proposed for Labour welfare fund, PS charges and unforeseen charges amounting to Rs.24.6 lakh.

Project Proposal No. 15.64

Project Title : Asset Creation and value addition for Agricultural produce

Implementing Department : Department of Co operation

Project Cost : Rs. 106.18 lakh

Remarks RKVY : Supported to the extent of RKVY guidelines.

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Discussion : The JS, MIDH suggested that all these value addition units should be integrated with extraction units and the Registrar, Cooperative Societies explained that the marketing societies already have the facilities for extraction. The Committee accepted that the project is eligible for 100% assistance under RKVY as per the RKVY guidelines

Resolution : SLSC approved the project

Agenda V : Proposals for Approval and Ratification

Subject No	Department	Subject	Amount in Crore	Resolution of the SLSC
15.AR.1	Agricultural Engineering & Agriculture	Implementation of Reclamation of Problem Soils- Sub scheme under RKVY with the due approval of the Chairman, SLSC pending approval of SLSC	6.67	SLSC approved and ratified the proposal
15.AR.2	Agriculture & Horticulture	Proposal on Crop Diversification Programme at an outlay of Rs.40.00 lakh furnished to Gol with the due approval of the Chairman, SLSC and sanctioned by Gol for implementation during the year 2016-17	0.4	SLSC approved and ratified the proposal

15.AR.3	Agriculture & Agricultural Engineering	Implementation of the proposals Kuruvai Package and Sambha Package during 2016 -17 with the due approval of the Chairman, SLSC under NADP pending approval of the SLSC.	27.325 59.80	SLSC approved and ratified the proposal
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Agenda VI Other Subjects for Approval

Subject No	Department	Subject	Amount in Crore	SLSC
15.O.1	Agriculture	Approval of State Extension Work Plan 2017-18 under Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms Scheme (SSEPERs) under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE)	97.74	The SLSC approved the SEWP 2017-18.
15.O.2	Agri. Marketing	Release of Second Year Amount to various projects approved during the year 2016-17 and Third Year Amount to Projects approved during 2015-16.	2.7	The SLSC approved the proposal
15.O.3	Agriculture, TNAU, TNFU, Dairy Development	Release of Balance funds to 13 various projects approved during the year 2016-17 for which funds were restricted to 50% for want of funds due to reduced allocation.	30.708	The SLSC approved the proposal with a remark that the projects will be taken up based on priority assigned to them by the concerned department.
15.O.4	Agriculture	Permission of SLSC to settle the seed production additional amount of Rs.2.85 Crore met initially from the TANSEDA amount and to reimburse during 2017-18 by getting necessary allocation under NADP Paddy Project and the action may be ratified	2.85	The SLSC approved the proposal

15.O.5	PWD & Marketing	Approval of the SLSC for sanction of Rs.1035.00 Lakh from the NADP funds of 2017-18 for the implementation of one project of PWD (Rs.10 crore for 8 works on the renovation of anicuts) and one project of Marketing ("Construction of village drying yard in Nilgiris District" at an outlay of Rs.35.00 lakh)	10.35	The SLSC approved the proposal
15.O.6	Marketing	Partitioning of 3 cold storages of the Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business by utilizing the unspent balance of NADP funds available with the Marketing Department.	0.82	The SLSC approved the proposal
15.O.7	TAWDEVA	Approval of the SLSC to utilize 1% of the GOI sanctioned amount under Normal RKVY as administrative cost is requested.	1% of allocation under normal RKVY	The SLSC approved the proposal
15.O.8	General	Utilization of the unspent amount available with the Implementing Departments at the end of financial year 2016-17 during 2017-18 for completing the implementation of projects		The SLSC approved the proposal
15.O.9	General	Approval of District Agriculture Plans, State Agriculture Plan and State Agriculture Infrastructure Development programme for the Five year period beyond 12th Five Year Plan		The Plans were examined by the Committee and were approved.
15.O.10	Agriculture	Distribution of TFL seeds of Castor under the "Castor as Bund Crop" component of the project Integrated Production improvement programme for Oilseeds (15.4) under NADP 2017-18		The SLSC approved the proposal

Agenda VII Ratification Proposals

Ratify No	Department	Project	Subject	Resolution of the SLSC
1	Agriculture	Integrated Food grain production for Paddy 2016-17	Diversion of the NADP amount for Kuruvai and Samba Special Packages 2016 and extending Seed production incentive for the procurement of less than 10 years certified seeds of Paddy over and above the approved quantity	The SLSC ratified the action
2	Agriculture	Integrated production improvement programme for Oilseeds	Utilization of truthfully labeled castor seeds and adopting the revised target for implementation of the scheme as second installment funds were restricted	The SLSC ratified the action
3	Agriculture	Establishing SSF as Model Farm and Technology Demonstration Centres	Utilizing an amount of Rs.82.00 lakhs for providing computer and accessories to Coconut farms, Seed Processing Units and Agricultural Extension Centres in addition to State Seed Farms	The SLSC ratified the action
4	Agriculture	Establishing SSF as Model Farm and Technology Demonstration Centres	Utilizing an amount of Rs.60.36 lakh sanctioned under the project Establishment of State Seed Farm as Model Farm to provide fencing for two Coconut Farms located at Neyveli and Navlock	The SLSC ratified the action
5	Agriculture	Establishing SSF as Model Farm by focusing towards GAP in Agriculture	Diversion and Utilization of an amount of Rs. 49.273 Lakhs from the machinery component to provide fencing and other essential civil works in State Seed Farms	The SLSC ratified the action
6	Agriculture	Food grain Production Improvement Programme- Millets	Diversion of an amount of Rs.96.00 lakhs from MN Mixture distribution component under NADP 2016-17 to the additional component Strengthening of Millet FPOs	The SLSC ratified the action
7	Agriculture	Distribution of Coconut seedlings	Adoption of revised sale price of coconut seedlings fixed by the Director of Agriculture under the project Distribution	The SLSC ratified the action

			of Coconut seedlings under NADP 2016-17 and revising the physical target accordingly.	
8	Agriculture	Increasing Production and Productivity of Cotton	Inter-componental diversion of funds for the production of 580 Qtls of Foundation seeds instead of Certified seeds	The SLSC ratified the action
9	Horticulture	Hi-tech Horticulture through Protected Cultivation	Reallocation of the savings amount of Rs.17.85858 lakhs for the "Hi-tech Horticulture through Protected Cultivation" programme for establishment of 5030 Sq.m of shade net component to Tiruvannamalai and Pudukottai Districts.	The SLSC ratified the action
10	Horticulture	"Productivity enhancement Programme of Horticulture crops"	Making changes within the area expansion component in the NADP programmes of 2016-17 for a value of Rs.41.40 lakhs without altering the total financial allocation	The SLSC ratified the action
11	Animal Husbandry	Establishment of Fodder Seed Production Farm and Farmers Training centre in Orathanad DLF at Eachenkottai	Utilization of Rs 10.00 lakhs available as savings under the scheme for various fodder development activities	The SLSC ratified the action
12	Animal Husbandry	Provision of Ultra Sound scanning facilities for Veterinary Clinician Centres, CBFs and Departmental Livestock Farm	Utilizing a sum of Rs 95,43,642/- from the savings amount of this scheme available in the P.D account of TNMSC towards the implementation of various components of NADP projects ongoing at Institute of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Ranipet, Vellore District	The SLSC ratified the action
13	Animal Husbandry	Introduction of new Livestock genetic pool in the Departmental Farms	Permission given by the DAH & VS to the DD, DLF, Chettinad to engage 6 SHG members for one year as night watchman by utilizing the savings amount of Rs.6,02,250/- available under the scheme.	The SLSC ratified the action

14	Animal Husbandry	Provision of modern livestock shelters for augmenting productivity at the District Livestock Farms	Transferring a sum of Rs.24.00 lakh to the P.D account of M.D,TNMSC as additional fund allocation for the scheme “ Upgradation of Bacterial facility to GMP compliance at IVPM , Ranipet	The SLSC ratified the action
15	Animal Husbandry	Establishment of Fodder seed Production unit at DLF,Chettinad	Inter- componental diversion of Rs.115 lakh from the savings available from transformer component to other components which aid in increased seed production	The SLSC ratified the action
16	Agrl. Engineering	Samba Package 2016-17	Diversion of savings to the tune of 14.69 crores under NADP 2015-16 for Samba Package 2016-17	The SLSC ratified the action
17	Agrl. Engineering	Procurement of Tractor Drawn Implements for Higher HP Tractors	Change of components for an amount of Rs.85.83 lakhs against the proposed components in tune with current field requirements	The SLSC ratified the action

Agenda VIII Shelf of Projects of Agricultural Engineering Department

S. No	Proposals	Project Proposal No	Proposed Amount Rs.Lakh	Resolution of the SLSC
1	Distribution of Post-Harvest Technology and Management Machinery	15.S.1	600.00	Approved under Shelf of Projects to be taken up on priority basis when additional funds are received
2	Agricultural Mechanization in Tamil Nadu	15.S.2	4100.00	Approved under Shelf of Projects to be taken up on priority basis when additional funds are received
3	Establishment of Agricultural Machinery and Implements Custom Hiring Centre	15.S.3	1500.00	Approved under Shelf of Projects to be taken up on priority basis when additional funds are received
4	Soil conservation in the catchments of River valley project in Tamil Nadu	15.S.4	350.00	Approved under Shelf of Projects to be taken up on priority basis when additional funds are received

Agenda IX Additional Proposals of Dairy Development

Project No	Project	Outlay Rs.in Crore	Resolution of the SLSC
15. A.1	Strengthening of infrastructure at Dharmapuri Union, Krishnagiri	14.74	The SLSC resolved to approve the project
15.A.2	Enhancing production capacity of new automatic Cattle Feed processing unit at Erode	3.47	The SLSC resolved to approve the project

General Suggestions:

The Principal Secretary and Commissioner of Revenue Administration(CRA) put forth the following three important suggestions before the Committee to be considered by the concerned Departments.

i) As this year has been drought hit, there is every possibility of Rodent outbreak in the coming agricultural season. The rodents which have reproductive plasticity and behavioral plasticity wait for favourable conditions. When the favourable conditions set in, the rodents will multiply enormously and cause damage to stored grains which are already scarce and damage the field crops also. Hence, effective Rodent control measures should be taken up by the Department of Agriculture with technical support from TNAU and NIPHM. The VC, TNAU replied that as carried out in the year 2015-16 immediately after the floods, Rodent Control shall be taken up throughout the State in a single day.

ii) Soil Microbial Consortia including, Trichoderma, Pseudomonas, Mycorrhiza, Phosphorus Solubilizing Bacteria and other Nitrogen fixing bacteria can be promoted including crop residue mulching to improve the Soil health. This has the capacity to fix upto 60 Kg of Nitrogen per Ha. Bio priming is an important aspect wherein seeds are treated with biopesticides like Trichoderma Viride instead of chemical seed treatment method. The International Rice Research Institute itself recommends this technology.

iii) Animal Husbandry Department has very good contact with farmers through their Veterinary Centres and sub centres and this can be used to educate the farmers about Vermiculture. Vermi composting is given prominence nowadays and the next step will be to breed Earthworms to meet the demand. If it is produced at the village level, the cost which is anywhere between Rs.400 to Rs.500 will come down and become affordable to farmers. The earthworms can also be let in soil as they improve the soil physical condition acting true to their nick name "Eco System Engineers"

The APC informed that the points of the CRA will be followed.

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