MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STATE LEVEL SANCTIONING COMMITTEE (SLSC) OF RASHTRIYA KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (RKVY) HELD ON 10.12.2013 AT 10:00AM IN THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S CONFERENCE HALL, NEW SECRETARIAT, AIZAWL, MIZORAM.

List of members present in the meeting is shown in Annexure-I

State Level Sanctioning Committee Meeting of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was held under the Chairmanship of Smt L. Tochhong, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram - cum- Chairman, State Level Sanctioning Committee of RKVY for considering project proposals against additional allocation of Rs. 7.20 crore under Normal RKVY during 2013-14 on 10.12.2013 at 10.00 AM.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary - cum- Chairman, SLSC of RKVY welcomed Shri.Surinder Singh, Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Government of India and Shri.O.P.Mishra, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, New Delhi and other members of line Departments to the meeting of State Level Sanctioning Committee. She explained that an additional allocation of Rs. 7.20 crore has been made under Normal RKVY during 2013-14. She stated that the total allocation of fund made by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India under Normal RKVY after revision of State – wise allocation is Rs. 86.05 crore against the previous allocation of Rs. 78.85 crore. The Department of Agriculture has accordingly allocated funds to various line departments and invited proposals for consideration by SLSC. She informed the meeting that the present meeting is intended to sanction various projects of different sectors for implementation under RKVY during 2013-14.

With the permission of the Chair, Shri. Surinder Singh, Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Government of India informed that due to certain financial control measures initiated from the Ministry of Finance, the funds available with most of the Ministry under the Government of India are likely to be reduced which might affect the normal release of fund under RKVY and requested all the members present in the meeting to be aware of such development.

On the invitation of the Chairman, Dr.C.Lalzarliana, Director of Agriculture (Crop Husbandry) & Member Secretary, SLSC, RKVY presented by power point on various issues related to progress of implementation of RKVY during 2013-14. He also gave a brief report on Desk review Meeting of RKVY which was held at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi on 13.12.2013 and informed that Utilization Certificate of 65 % has been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture against the 1st installment released by the Government of India.



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Thereafter, detailed discussions were held on Agenda items and the following decisions were taken:

Sector Wise project proposals:

Shri Rohmingthanga Colney, Deputy Director (Planning), Directorate of Agriculture presented project proposals of Agriculture and Allied Departments. With an outlay of Rs. 5.40 crore under Normal RKVY (Stream-I), project proposal prepared by 7 Departments were discussed. The item - wise observations made by Department of Agriculture & Co-operation (DAC), Govt. of India and resolutions of the SLSC are given below:

Agriculture Department (Crop Husbandry):

(a) Administrative cost (1% of the total project), including additional allocation:

DAC Remarks: Nil.

DAC has made no observation and comments. Hence, SLSC approved additional Rs. 7.00 lakh as administrative cost of the Project in addition to the previous approved Administrative cost for Agriculture Department (Crop Husbandry) which was already approved by the SLSC. The amount of Administrative cost has now been increased to Rs. 85.85 lakh from Rs. 78.85 lakh.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department

(1) Introduction of Piglets for replacement:

DAC Remarks: The Proposal is supported by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

(2) Construction of quarantine/ temporary transit shed for piglets at Kolasib/Serchhip and Lunglei District.

(2.1) Construction of temporary transit shed for piglets at Kolasib/Serchhip and Lunglei District.

DAC Remarks: The Proposal is recommended by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture (**DAHD & F**) Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for civil works.

(2.2) Feeding cost @ Rs. 25/-kg of feed for 5 days

DAC Remarks: The proposal is recommended by **DAHD & F**, Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for purchase of feed.

(2.3) Medicine/Deworming/Vaccination etc.

DAC Remarks: The proposal is recommended by **DAHD & F**, Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for purchase of Medicine/Deworming/vaccination etc.

(2.4) Miscellaneous expenditure like feeding material/brooding material etc.

DAC Remarks: The proposal is recommended by **DAHD & F**, Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for purchase.

(3) Construction of quarantine/ temporary transit shed for piglets at Aizawl District.

(3.1) Construction of quarantine/ temporary transit shed for piglets at Aizawl District

DAC Remarks: The Proposal is recommended by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture (**DAHD & F**) Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for civil works.

(3.2) Feeding cost @ Rs. 25/-kg of feed for 3 days.

DAC Remarks: The proposal is recommended by DAHD & F, Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for purchase of feed.

(3.3) Medicine/Deworming/Vaccination etc.

DAC Remarks: The proposal is recommended by DAHD & F, Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for purchase of Medicine/Deworming/Vaccination etc.

(3.4) Miscellaneous expenditure like feeding material/brooding material etc.

DAC Remarks: The proposal is recommended by **DAHD & F**, Government of India subject to cost conformity to State norms for purchase.

Director, AH & Veterinary Department, Government of Mizoram explained that all the estimates for construction works are fixed as per the existing Scheduled of Rate fixed by Public Work Department, Government of Mizoram.

Dr. David Varte, Deputy Director, AH & Veterinary Department, Government of Mizoram also explained that the proposal was prepared with an objective of restricting the spread of PRRS viral disease which is endemic to most of the local breeds . He also informed that through this project, maximum local breeds will be replaced by superior breeds/piglets which will be imported from different parts of the State.

The Committee approved project proposal submitted by AH & Veterinary Department with an outlay of Rs. 100.00 lakh for implementation during 2013-14 as detailed below:

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Sl.No	Name of the Project	No. of Unit	Amount (Rs in lakh)		
1.	Introduction of piglets for replacement @ Rs. 6,500.00/ piglet.	1,400	91.00		
		Sub-total	91.00		
2.	Construction of Quarantine /Temporary transit shed for Piglets at Aizawl District.				
	(a) Construction of quarantine/temporary transit shed for Piglets	1 No.	0.875		
	(b) Feeding cost @ Rs. 25/-kg of feed for 3 days.	2,600 piglets	1.95		
	(c) Medicine/Deworming/Vaccination etc.	LS	0.075		
	(d) Miscellaneous expenditure like feeding material/brooding material etc.	LS	0.10		
	<u> </u>	Sub-total	3.00		
3.	Construction of Quarantine /Temporary transit shed for Piglets at Kolasib/Serchhip and Lunglei District.				
	(a) Construction of quarantine/temporary transit shed for Piglets.	1	0.50		
	(b) Feeding cost @ Rs. 25/-kg of feed for 3 days.	LS	1.375		
	(c) Medicine/Deworming/Vaccination etc.	LS	0.05		
	(d) Miscellaneous expenditure like feeding material/brooding material etc.	LS	0.075		
		(a – d)	2.00		
	For 2 Districts i.e (a to d) x 2	Sub-total	6.00		
	GRAND TOTAL		100.00		

Horticulture Department

(1) Establishment of Village Market @ Rs. 17.00/- lakh per market for 8 Districts.

DAC Remarks:

(i) Since these projects are high cost infrastructure projects, so before sanctioning these should be appraised by professional agency such as Bank or NABARD or any State agency etc.

(ii) Cost admissible for Development of marketing facilities as per AMIGS Scheme, the project subsidy admissible under AMIGS is @ 33.33 % of the total cost.

(iii) The markets at Suangpuilawn, N. Vanlaiphai, Baktawng Tlangnuam and Tawipui 'N' has already been sanctioned through Central Assistance under HMNEH (Technology Mission).

(iv) In the project proposal at serial no. 10 under Remark it has been mentioned that it will be Implemented in suitable selected location within Districts of Aizawl, Serchhip, Mamit, Champhai and Lunglei but in table State Govt. has mentioned clear-cut six locations. It needs to be clarified.

(v) Details of market infrastructure has not been mentioned in project proposal. It needs to be clarified.

(vi) As per para 7.1.1 of the guidelines of RKVY, the Nodal Agency will satisfy itself that the Project fulfills the objectives of the RKVY before recommending the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the SLSC. However, in the present case, DPRs have not been prepared by the Implementing agency. So all the projects are not at the proper stage to be put up for consideration of SLSC.

(vii) The SLSC and the Nodal Department/ Agency should ensure that projects have been included in the DAP and SAP. Further, the feasibility study, competencies of the implementing agencies, anticipated benefits that will flow to the farmers, definite-time-line of implementation may also be ascertained before considering the project.

(viii) It may be ensured that the State has not availed assistance against these projects under RGS, HNMEH, AMIGS and other Central Govt. Agencies.

(2) Construction of Bench Terraces @ Rs. 0.20 lakh per Acre

DAC Remarks:

(i) It may be seen at page 9/- proposal, the targeted area in 155 acre with unit cost of Rs. 20,000/- per acre whereas while giving the details vides page -3l/- proposal, targeted area is 310 acres and unit cost is Rs. 10,000/ acre. Operational Guidelines of RVP & FPR envisages Bench Terracing / Land Leveling @ Rs. 17250/- per ha (at National Wage rate of Rs. 75 per man- days prevailing in 2008) with 25% of minimum contribution from beneficiaries. Proposed activity is supported; however, state may revise the cost norms and bring it in conformity with National norms. While doing so, they may also consider the escalation in wage rate as compare to wage rate in 2008.

While giving clarification on comments made by DAC regarding Establishment of Village Market @ Rs. 17.00/- lakh per market for 8 Districts, Director of Horticulture mentioned that the proposal is prepared within a limited time due to which many cost norms and funding pattern/guideline had been missed out.

On the suggestion made by DAC, the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman, SLSC advised Horticulture Department to make clarification for establishment of Village Market Sheds at Suangpuilawn, N.Vanlaiphai, Baktawng Tlangnuam and Tawipui 'N' against the observations made by DAC.

The observation made by DAC regarding construction of Bench Terraces for cultivation of Vegetable crops was also discussed in brief and the Director of Horticulture informed that the rate for construction of Bench terraces are fixed at Rs. 20,000/- per Acre considering the prevailing labour cost of the State. He also stated that no farmers would come forward to take up such schemes where a provision of only Rs. 17,250/- per hectare is available for land leveling/bench terracing unless the subsidy portion is increased up to certain amount to maintain the prevailing labour cost of the state and requested for sanction of the proposed projects.

Shri Lalram Thanga, IFS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, Agriculture Department & Vice-Chairman, SLSC, RKVY opined that there is a pro-rata provision under Government of India which gives flexibility for specific schemes and advised Horticulture Department to apply for such relaxation with specific justification from the Ministry of Agriculture for increasing the subsidy amount.

The Chairman, SLSC, RKVY also suggested Horticulture department to revise the cost norms that proposals are prepared in conformity with the existing operational Guidelines of national norms and to make necessary changes on the proposed target area. In view of the escalation in wage rate, she also suggested to consider escalation in the prevailing wage rate as compared to wage rate in 2008 which is only Rs. 75/- per man day.

The committee, however, approved project proposal submitted by Horticulture Department for an outlay of Rs. 1.20 crore in principle subject to the condition that the cost norms are in conformity with the existing operational guideline of the national norms and that clarification for establishment of Village Market Sheds at Suangpuilawn, N.Vanlaiphai, Baktawng Tlangnuam and Tawipui 'N' be made as suggested by DAC.

Soil & Water Conservation Department

(a) Bungzung, Thlikva Lui Micro Watershed, Champhai District

DAC Remarks:

(i) As per the design of WRC land protection works and Check Dams, it resembles with Earthen/ Loose Boulders with Gabion as envisaged in the Operational Guidelines for RVP & FPR with unit cost of Rs. 30,680/per no. (at National Wage rate of Rs. 75 per man-days prevailing in 2008) whereas WRC land protection works and Check Dams are proposed @ Rs. 13,260/- per no. Which is within the norm, hence, NRM division supports it.

(b) Tuisumpui, Ferry Micro Watershed, Saiha District. DAC Remarks:

(1) Operational Guidelines of RVP & FPR envisages Bench Terracing/Land Levelling (a) Rs.17250/- per ha (at National Wage rate of Rs. 75 per man-days prevailing in 2008) with 25% of minimum contribution from beneficiaries, whereas, State has proposed bench terracing (a) Rs. 35,000/- per ha. Bench terracing helps in stabilizing the slope and minimizes soil erosion. Proposed activity is supported; however, State may revise the cost norms and bring it in conformity with National norms. While doing so they may also consider the escalation in wage rate as Compared to wage rate in 2008.

(ii) Proposed Water Harvesting Tanks are small Pucca Farm Ponds with capacity of 10'6"x"/'3"x3'7" with unit cost of Rs. 31620/- per no. Operational 7 Tuisumpui, Ferry Micro Watershed, Saiha District 56.77 Guidelines of RVP & FPR envisages Katcha Farm Pond (Storage capacity of 0.20 ha. m.) with unit cost of Rs. 24120/- per no. (at National Wage rate of Rs. 75 per man-days prevailing in 2008). Storage capacity of farm ponds proposed by State Government is too less in comparison to farm ponds envisaged in the Operational guidelines of RVP & FPR. Proposed activity is supported; however, State may revise the cost norms and bring it in conformity with National norms. While doing so they may also consider the escalation in wage rate as compare to wage rate in 2008.

(iii) Operational Guidelines of RVP & FPR envisages contour / staggered trenching @ Rs. 3060/ha (at National Wage rate of Rs. 75 per man-days prevailing in 2008), however State has proposed an amount of Rs. 9570/- per ha for contour trenching. Contour terracing helps in minimizing flow of runoff as well as enhancing moisture conservation. Proposed activity is supported; however, State may revise the cost norms and bring it in conformity with National norms. While doing so they may also consider the escalation in wage rate as compared to wage rate in 2008.

While giving clarification on comments made by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India, Dr. Jerome Rokima, Director, Soil & Water Conservation Department informed that unit cost for construction of Check Dam, Bench terraces, water harvesting structure and contour trenches are fixed considering the prevailing labour cost of the State. The Chairman, SLSC, RKVY advised Soil & Water Conservation Department to revise the cost norms that unit costs are in conformity with the existing operational Guidelines of national norms and to revise the proposed target area. In view of the escalation in wage rate, she also suggested to consider escalation in the prevailing wage rate as compared to wage rate in 2008 which is only Rs.75/- per man day. The Chairman also desired that relaxation in cost norms for various schemes should be taken up with Government of India due to escalation in minimum wage rate.

The Committee approved project proposal submitted by Soil & Water Conservation Department for an outlay of Rs.1.20 crore subject to the condition that the cost norms are in conformity with the operational guideline of RVP & FPR.

Sericulture Department

DAC Remarks: Nil

Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Government of India made no comments on the proposal submitted by Sericulture Department. The SLSC approved project proposal for an outlay of Rs.1.00 crore as detailed below:

SI. No.	Programme/Component	Physical	Financial
	A. ERI SECTOR :		
1.	Land Development	100 Acre	5.10
2.	Raising of plantation100 Acre100 Acre		16.80
3.	Rearing infrastructure		38.10
	Sub-Total :		60.00
	B. POST COCOON DEVELOPMENT :		
1.	Establishment of Purchasing Centre	2 Nos.	4.00
2.	Transportation of Cocoon	L.S	15.00
3.	Refurnishing & upgrading of Marketing & Sales emporium		11.00
4.	Furnishing of Hostel & Kitchen	L.S	10.00
	Sub-Total		40.00
	Total		100.00

Agriculture Department (Research & Education)

(1) Strengthening of Integrated Training Centre, Hnahthial.

(1.1) Construction of New Type-III Staff Quarters @ Rs.10.00 lakh per quarter. DAC Remarks:

Regarding construction of new type -III Staff Quarters, it is proposed to construct five new staff quarters.

(1.2) Extension of ITC Administrative Building

DAC Remarks:

The amount provided for extension of ITC administrative building may be relooked in to.

(2) Strengthening of KVK center, Electrification of KVK, Saiha.

DAC Remarks: Nil.

Agriculture Department (R & E) submitted clarification for the remarks made by DAC (copy enclosed).

The SLSC approved projects of Agriculture (R & E) with an outlay of Rs. 40.00 lakh for implementation during 2013-14 as detailed below:

SI. No.	Programme/Component	Physical	Financial
	A. Strengthening of Integrated Training Centre, Hnahthial		
1.	Construction of New Type-III Staff Quarters @ Rs.10.00 lakh per quarter	2 Nos.	20.00
2.	Extension of ITC Administrative Building	L.S	2.00
	Sub-Total :		22.00
	B. Strengthening of KVK Centre		
1.	Electrification of KVK, Saiha	L.S	18.00
	Sub-Total :		18.00
	Total :		40.00

Fisheries Department

- (1) Towards capacity building/training and demonstration:
- (1.1) Training cost for organizing training and demonstration for 1000 farmers @ Rs.2000/- per farmer including development of existing farm infrastructure for demonstration.

DAC Remarks:

Govt. of Mizoram has not mentioned specifically whether the cost Rs. 2000 shown per farmer is for a day or a week or a year.

(1.2) Exposure visit to outside state for Departmental official and farmers.

DAC Remarks: Nil.

(2) Towards marketing infrastructure and up gradation including cost for entire programme

DAC Remarks: Nil.

While giving clarification on observation made by DAC, the Director of Fisheries Department explained that unit cost for organizing training and demonstration for 1000 farmers is @ Rs. 2000/- per farmer for 5 (five) days which is as per the cost norms of National Fisheries Development Board, Government of India.

The Chairman, SLSC, RKVY, Government of Mizoram suggested that for development of marketing infrastructure, selection of locations should be made in consultation with Tourism Department, Government of Mizoram.

The SLSC thus approved project proposal submitted by Fisheries Department with an outlay of Rs. 40.00 lakh as detailed below:

Sl. No	Activities	Physical target	Cost factor	Amount (Rs.in lakh)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	<u>Towards capacity building/training</u> <u>and demonstration</u> a) Training cost for organizing	1000 nos.	Rs.2000/-	20.00
	training and demonstration for 1000 farmers @ Rs.2000/- per farmer including development of existing farm infrastructure for		per farmer	
	demonstration. b) Exposure visit to outside state for Departmental official and farmers	L/S	L/S	5.00
2.	Towards marketing infrastructure and up gradation including administrative cost for entire programme.	L/S	L/S	15.00
	Total			40.00

Concluding Remark of the Chairman, SLSC, RKVY

The Chairman, SLSC, RKVY while concluding the meeting, emphasized the importance of adopting cost norms of various operational Guidelines of Central Sponsored Schemes/State Schemes while preparing project proposal under RKVY and stated that Project approval under RKVY is subjected to the conformity with the existing Guideline of the Central Sponsored Schemes/ State Schemes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/-

L.TOCHHONG Chief Secretary to the Government of Mizoram & Chairman, SLSC, RKVY.

Memo No. B.13015/12/2012-13/AGR-RKVY) : Dated Aizawl the 24th July, 2013+ Copy to:

- 1. P.S to the Hon,'ble Minister of Agriculture Mizoram, Aizawl.
- 2. P.S to Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary of Agriculture, Govt. of Mizoram.
- 3. P.P.S to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram for kind information.
- 4. The Joint Secretary (RKVY), Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, RKVY Division, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for favour of information and necessary action.
- 5. Shri Surender Singh, the Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Govt. of India, Sansad Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.
- 6. The Joint Secretary (Agri.), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.
- 7. Shri O.P Misra, the Deputy Director General, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi for information and necessary action.
- 8. The Director (RKVY), Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture & Cooperation), RKVY Division, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.
- 9. Shri Sarvesh Rai, Director (Trade & PP) for information and necessary action.
- 10. PS to the Chief Executive Officer, NLUP Implementing Board for information.

- 12. PS to Secretary of Planning/Finance Govt. of Mizoram for information and necessary action.
- 13. PS to the Principal Adviser-cum-Addl. Secretary, Principal & Programme Implementation Dept, Government of Mizoram for kind information.
- 14. Secretary of Planning/Finance Govt. of Mizoram for information and necessary action.
- 15. The Additional Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, Agriculture Department for kind information.
- 16. The Director of Agriculture (CH)/Agriculture (R&E)/ Horticulture / AH & Vety. / Soil & Water Conservation / Fisheries / Sericulture, Govt. of Mizoram for information and necessary action.
- 17. Office copy.

(Dr.CHALZARLIANA) Director of Agriculture &

Member Secretary, SLSC, RKVY, Govt. of Mizoram.

Annexure –I RASHTRIYA KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (RKVY)

LIST OF OFFICERS ATTENDED THE STATE LEVEL SANCTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10-12-2013 AT 10:00 A.M

SLSC Members:

SI.No.	Name	Designation	
1.	L.Tochhong	Chief Secretary & Chairman, SLSC, RKVY, Govt. of	
		Mizoram	
2.	Lal Ramthanga	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram & Vice	
		Chairman, SLSC, RKVY	
3.	Dr.C.Lalzarliana	Director Agri (CH)& Member Secretary, SLSC, RKVY	
4.	F.Vanlalruata	Secretary, Finance Dept.	
5	Saithangpuia	Secretary, AH & Vety & Horticulture Dept.	
6.	K.Thanzama	Secretary, Fisheries & Soil & Water Conservation Dept	
7.	M.A Razi	Director, Fisheries Dept.	
8.	C.Lalniliana	Director, Agriculture (R&E)	
9.	R.Zotawna	Director, Horticulture Dept.	
10.	Dr.L.B.Sailo	Director, AH&Vety Dept.	
11.	D.Engzananga	Director of Sericulture	

Govt. of India Officials:

SI.No.	Name	Designation	
1.	Shri Surinder Singh	Adviser (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Govt. of India	
2.	Shri O.P.Misra	Dy. Director General, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Govt. of India.	

Other Officials Present:

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
1.	C.Zothankhumi	Addl.Secretary, Agriculture Dept.
2	Dr.Jerome Rokima *	Director, Soil & Water Conservation Dept.
3.	Zairemmawia	Jt.Secretary, Soil & Sericulture Dept.
4.	Hualthanga	Jt.Director of Soil & Water Conservation Dept.
5	Dr.E.Saipari	Jt.Director, Horticulture Dept.
6	J.Lalzamliana	Dy. Director, Agriculture (R&E)
7.	Rohmingthanga Colney	Dy. Director (Planning) Agriculture Dept (CH)
8	J.Lalzamliana	Dy. Director, Agriculture (R&E)
9.	Dr.David Dailo Varte	Dy. Director, AH&Vety Dept.
10	Pradip Chhetri	AEO, Agriculture Dept.
11.	Dr.Samuel Lalliansanga	AEO, Agriculture Dept.