

Proceeding of 10th meeting of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of RKVY held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rakesh Singh, IAS, Chief Secretary, Punjab on 14-08-2013 at Chandigarh.

The 10th SLSC meeting was held on 14-08-2013 in the Committee Room, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rakesh Singh, IAS, Chief Secretary, Punjab to review the progress of projects taken-up under RKVY and for considering the project proposals under RKVY and review the progress under State Extension Work Plan under the Modified Extension Reforms Scheme for 2013-14.

2.0 List of participants is attached as Annex-I.

3.0 With the permission of Chair, the Financial Commissioner Development (FCD) welcomed Sh. A.S. Nanda, Commissioner (Animal Husbandry), Govt. of India, Sh. R.B. Shinha, IFS, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), Govt. of India and other participants to the 10th meeting of SLSC. He explained that this year RKVY has an additional component of Crop Diversification Plan for original green revolution States in addition to its original component. He added that an allocation of Rs.224.50 crore has been made for Crop Diversification Plan whereas Rs.217.56 crore has been allocated for year 2013-14 under RKVY by the Ministry of Agriculture Government of India. The Department of Agriculture has accordingly invited proposals from various departments / organisations of the State for funding under the scheme. These proposals were considered by Project Screening Committee in its meeting held on 7th July 2013 and the proceedings of its meeting are a part of the agenda note.

4.0 Thereafter, the agenda of the meeting was taken-up for consideration and the discussions and decisions taken are as under:

Item No.1: Confirmation of Minutes of 9th meeting of SLSC

Since no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: Review of Progress under RKVY

FCD explained that funds released upto 2010-11 have been fully utilized and Utilization Certificate (UC) have been submitted. Regarding utilization of funds for 2011-12, he informed that these are likely to be utilized by 30th September, 2013. For 2012-13, the funds have been released to implementing agencies recently and are likely

to be utilized to settle the outstanding liabilities and UC shall be submitted shortly. The Joint Secretary, DAC informed the progress of completion of projects is slow and needs to be expedited.

The progress was noted and the Chairman desired that incomplete projects should be completed on priority and a third party evaluation of the completed projects should be got done regularly.

Item No.3: Projects Proposed for funding under RKVY during 2013-14

FCD explained the project-wise details of various proposals and asked the respective Head of Departments to ensure that the financial assistance/cost norms of the proposals should be as per the existing Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector/State Plan Schemes and there should be no overlapping of activities with other programmes. He further stated that no recurring revenue expenditure should be incurred under these projects and 1% funds available as administrative charges should only be used for this purpose.

Item No.3.1: Efficient Distribution of Fertilizers

The proposal is an on-going project and was thus approved.

Item No.3.2: To maintain NABL Status of State Pesticide Testing Laboratories

The Director Agriculture informed that the expenditure is to be incurred on up-gradation and strengthening of laboratories and is thus capital in nature. The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.3: Promotion of Sugarcane Cultivation in the State (MMWP)

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.4: Supply of Certified Wheat Seed in Non-NFSM Districts

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.5: Promotion of Seed Treatment in crops

The Director Agriculture informed that the capacity of seed dressing drum proposed to be distributed is 20kg. The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.6: Sustainable wheat production through Control of Yellow Rust

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.7: Promotion of technology to Stop Burning of Straw

The Joint Secretary, DAC desired that the norms for assistance on various equipment should be restricted to 40%. The Director Agriculture informed that the machinery is required to check the environmental pollution. To encourage the farmers to adopt this expensive machinery, greater incentive would have to be provided. The Committee decided to approve the proposal in principle but the Chairman asked FCD to take-up the issue of norms separately with the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India in view of the importance of the issue. He further desired that a report about the out-put of use of this machinery in terms of area covered/number of bales produced should be put-up in the next meeting.

Item No.3.8: Direct Sowing of Basmati

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.9: Setting-up of Agro Service Centers

The proposal was approved subject to a level of assistance limited to 40% of the cost of the Centre.

Item No.3.10: Fencing of Forest Area to save crops from damage by wild animals

The Joint Secretary, DAC remarked that such fencing should not lead to bifurcation of sanctuaries. The Chairman desired that the focus of fencing should be on saving the crops from wild animals. The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.11: Construction of Godown for preservation of seed

The Joint Secretary, DAC remarked that GoI has already provided assistance for construction these godowns as per the norms of Central Schemes, as such, the additional requirement should be met from State resources. FCD explained that the resource from the State are not forthcoming and work being of important nature should be funded as a one time measure as PUNSEED is also facing financial constraints. The Chairman desired that the case for relaxation in norms for various

schemes should be taken-up with Govt. of India separately and the funds should be released after clearance from GoI. The proposals were thus approved in principle.

Item No.3.12: Remote Sensing Satellite and GIS based crop mapping and monitoring for Punjab State- Remote Sensing

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.13: Promotion of mechanization of sugarcane harvesting and cotton picking-PAU

The Joint Secretary, DAC remarked that the assistance should be limited to 25% of the cost or Rs.25 lac. The Commissioner Agriculture, Punjab explained that the proposed machinery shall be procured and provided to PAU for field testing, evaluation and subsequent indigenisation. The proposal was, thus, approved.

Item No.3.14: Community Pipeline System for Efficient Water Conveyance

FCD explained that it is an on-going programme as such the comments of Ministry of Water Resource are not necessary. The Commissioner Agriculture, Punjab explained that the norms of assistance are as per State Plan Scheme as there is no similar Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The proposal was, thus, approved.

Item No.3.15: Project for watershed development in catchment area of flood prone river Ghaggar for enhancing productivity in Kandi area MMWP

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.16: Matching Irrigation Water Availability and demand for Improved Productivity through Efficient On-farm Water Management

The Commissioner Agriculture, Punjab explained that there is no similar comprehensive Central Sector Scheme, however, the norms of assistance for different components are different under various programmes of different Ministries of Govt. of India. It was further informed that the State is providing assistance @ 70% for solar PV Pumps through Punjab Energy Development Agency and @75% for micro irrigation

through Department of Soil and Water Conservation. The Committee agreed and approved the proposal.

Item No.3.17: Establishment of Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Irrigation Water Management (CESIWM)

The Commissioner Agriculture, Punjab explained that this proposal is to be implemented in PPP mode and the expression of interest for partnership shall be invited and thereafter, the DPR shall be prepared. FCD emphasised the need of such a Centre of Excellence in irrigation water management in view of the impending water crisis the State is facing. The Committee approved the proposal in principal and agreed to earmark the funds for the project. However, the funds would be released after the DPR is prepared and put-up to the Chairman for approval with comments from GoI.

Item No.3.18: Post Harvest Handling of Fruits & Vegetables with Plastic Crates to improve their marketability in the state

Since the proposal is an on-going one, it was approved.

Item No.3.19: Financial Assistance for Horticulture activities in Moga, Barnala and Ropar Districts (Non-NHM districts)

Since the proposal is an on-going one, it was approved.

Item No.3.20: Promotion of Sericulture in the state

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.21: Promotion of Diversification of Agriculture through Citrus Cultivation

The Director Horticulture explained that an Estate is a technical Support Service Centre for promotion of cultivation of citrus crop and the expenditure is capital in nature. The proposal was approved. The Chairman desired that all out efforts should be made to avail the assistance being provided by National Horticulture Board under its programmes as well.

Item No.3.22: Establishment of Litchi and Pear Estates

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.23: Setting-up of Hi-tech Model Nurseries

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.24: Distant marketing-transport subsidy and hiring of cold storages and advertisement

The proposal was approved except that the proposal for transport subsidy shall be taken up with the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, separately.

Item No.3.25: Establishment of "On Farm Cold Rooms"

The Director Horticulture explained that the capacity of the on-farm cold room shall be 2 MT. The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.26: Promotion of Soluble Fertilizers for Fertigation

The proposal was approved subject to limiting the level of assistance to NHM norms.

Item No.3.27: Promotion of Bee-keeping

The proposal was approved subject to limiting the level of assistance to NHM norms.

Item No.3.28: Agri-mart: A system of marketing through Self Help Groups

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.29: Production of Quality Fruits and Vegetables with the Use of Agrochemicals

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.30: Fruit and Vegetable Pack Houses

The proposal was approved subject to limiting the level of assistance to NHM norms except for infrastructure being created/ developed in government/ public sector.

Item No.3.31: Provision for veterinary medicines in veterinary institutions for better livestock healthcare

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.32: To enhance the productivity of dairy cattle by importing high genetic merit semen

The proposal was approved, however, the Department of Animal Husbandry would submit an evaluation report of the work done earlier.

Item No.3.33: Provision of sexed semen of high genetic merit to enhance the productivity and control the problem of unwanted male calves

The proposal was approved, however, the Department of Animal Husbandry would submit an evaluation report.

Item No.3.34: Strengthening of veterinary care services by providing high tech mobile vans to serve at the door steps of farmers

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.35: Establishment of three veterinary polyclinics in the districts of Barnala, Pathankot and Fazilka

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.36: Up-gradation of five veterinary polyclinics and strengthening of veterinary institutions with Energy back-up systems better delivery of services

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.37: Providing specialized veterinary care services at Tehsil / block level hospitals

The proposal was approved, however, the Department of Animal Husbandry should tie-up with the State Finance Department to arrange revenue expenditure for consumables and operation and maintenance of facilities being created under various proposals of RKVY scheme.

Item No.3.38: Salvaging of female germ plasm of cattle and buffalo to establish animal nurseries

The proposal was approved, however, the Chairman desired that the possibility of setting-up such nurseries in PPP mode may also be explored.

Item No.3.39: Up-gradation of Punjab Veterinary Vaccine institute according to the GMP norms to produce quality vaccines for livestock population in the State

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.40: Women Empowerment through Dairy Farming

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.41: Mechanization of Dairy farm Operations

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.42: Incentive for animal insurance and Computer Chips

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.43: Promotion and Development of Dairy for Clean Milk Production

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.44: Improvement of Animal Housing

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.45: Assistance for establishment of Bio gas plants at dairy farms

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.46: New Cattle feed and Milk Testing Laboratory, Verka

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.47: Project proposal enhancing income for small farmers and rural landless works through buffalo breed improvement and management programme –establishment of 200 Integrated Buffalo Development Centers (IBDC)- Milkfed

The proposal was approved as it is an on-going project. However, the Chairman observed that a comprehensive evaluation of the proposal be got done by the Department of Cooperation and its report be put up in the next meeting.

Item No.3.48: Project for establishment of Tilapia Fish Seed Hatchery at National Govt. Fish Seed Farm

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.49: Project for establishment of two Fish Seed Hatchery for enhancing of production of fish seed

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.50: Provision of nets to Fish Farmers

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.51: Establishment of Fish Seed Farm at Fazilka

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.52: Strengthening of Agricultural Research-PAU

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.53: Development and dissemination of Technologies-GADVASU

The proposal was approved.

Item No.3.54: Accelerated Fodder Development Programme (AFDP)

The proposal was approved in principal. However, it was decided that the allocation of resources for fodder research, seed production and distribution and silage making would be considered by the Inter Departmental Committee constituted under NMPS and its recommendations shall be put up to Chairman SLSC for approval.

Item No.3.55: Vegetable Initiative for urban clusters

The proposal was approved subject to assistance as per NHM norms.

Item No.3.56: National mission for protein supplements

The proposal was approved in principal. However, it was decided that the allocation of resources for various interventions approved by Govt. of India under NMPS would be considered by the Inter Departmental Committee suggested by Govt. of India for this purpose in the Mission document and its recommendations shall be put up to the Chairman SLSC for approval.

Item No.3.57: Crop Diversification Plan

FCD informed that the action plan for Crop Diversification Plan (CDP) has been put up for ex post facto approval of SLSC as the CDP was submitted to DAC with the approval of Chairman, SLSC and the same has been accepted by DAC and the first instalment of Rs.112.25 lac has already been released by DAC vide letter dated 12-08-2013.

Director Agriculture explained that implementation of action plan has already commenced to achieve timely sowing of kharif crops and seeds of high yielding maize hybrids have been supplied to farmers by signing an MoU with two leading suppliers. Tenders for supply of gypsum have already been invited. Process of implementing the ICT component through International Traceability Systems with which an MoU was signed, has been initiated. Consequently, there has been improvement in area under alternate crops viz maize, cotton, groundnut and basmati rice. The Committee noted the action taken and the CDP was approved.

Item No.4.0: Review of CSS – "Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms" / ATMA (90:10) for the year 2012-13 and 2013-14

With the permission of Chair, the Director Agriculture explained that as per received guidelines issued by Govt. of India for CSS - "Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms", the State Extension Work Plan has to be approved and its progress reviewed by the State Level Sanctioning Committee constituted under RKVY. He explained about SEWP for 2013-14 and the progress about filling-up various posts under the same. The Committee noted the progress, however, the Director Agriculture was asked to ensure that these posts are filled strictly according to merit and guidelines/qualifications prescribed by Govt. of India.

Item No.5.0: Supplementary Agenda

i) Setting-up of Multi Product Radiation Processing Technology Demonstration Plant in the State

FCD explained that it is proposed to set-up a Multi Product Radiation Processing Technology Demonstration Plant in the State with the technical assistance of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai for extending the shelf life of

agricultural produce particularly basmati, pulses, potatoes, onion etc. The Chairman desired that the DPR may be prepared to assess the cost. FCD explained that DPR would be prepared with assistance from BARDC and the project should be implemented with their active participation. The Committee approved the proposal.

ii) Proposal for Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme

FCD explained that the project aims at improving the infrastructure at College of Agriculture Engineering and Technology at PAU to ensure availability of quality manpower for spearheading the mechanization programme in the State, particularly to provide the technical input for its diversification programme. The assistance is to be provided @25%, the balance being arranged under an externally aided project. The Joint Secretary, DAC remarked that the proposal has not been properly examined as it has been put-up as a supplementary item. He assured that the DAC would provide its input on the proposal. It was thus decided that the proposal may be put up to the Chairman, SLSC for approval after obtaining comments of Government of India.

5.0 Summary of proposals approved by the Committee is attached as Annex-II.

6.0 Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Chairman, SLSC

List of Participants

1	Dr. A. S. Nanda	Commissioner(Animal Husbandry), GoI
2	Sh. R.B. Sinha, IFS	Joint Secretary, DAC, GoI
3	Sh. Suresh Kumar, IAS	Financial Commissioner(Development)
4	Sh. Sarvesh Kaushal, IAS	Principal Secretary, Irrigation, Punjab
5	Sh. S.K. Sandhu, IAS	Financial Commissioner (Cooperation)
6	Sh.G. Vajralingam, IAS	Financial Commissioner(Animal Husbandry)
7	Sh. Jaspal Singh, IAS	Secretary Finance(Expenditure) & Planning
8	Sh. K.S.Pannu, IAS	Secretary ,Agriculture, Punjab
9	Dr. B.S.Dhillon	Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana
10	Sh. H.S.Gujral, IFS	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Pb.
11	Dr. B.S. Sidhu	Commissioner Agriculture, Punjab
12	Smt. Alka Nanda Dayal, IAS	MD, Milkfed, Punjab
13	Sh. Daljeet Singh	Secretary, Punjab Mandi Board
14	Sh. Upjeet Singh Brar	AMD, Punjab Agro
15	Dr. Mangal Singh Sandhu	Director, Agriculture, Punjab
16	Sh. Damanjit Singh	CE, Planning PSPCL, Punjab
17	Dr. H.S.Sandha	Director, Animal Husbandry, Punjab
18	Dr. Inderjit Singh	Director, Dairy Development, Punjab
19	Sh. L.S. Brar	Director, Horticulture, Punjab
20	Sh. B.K.Sood	Director, Fisheries, Punjab
21	Dr. S.S.Gosal	Director Research, PAU, Ludhiana
22	Dr. S.N.S. Randhawa	Director Research, GADVASU, Ludhiana
23	Sh. Sarabjit Singh Kandhari	MD, PUNSEED
24	Sh. Pardeep Sharma	GM, PAGREXCO
25	Sh. Brinjendra Paterya	Director, Punjab Remote Sensing Centre
26	Sh. Pardip Singh	Joint Director, Rural Development, PAU
27	Sh. Bhupinderpal Singh	Joint Director, Food Supplies, Punjab
28	Sh. Anil Kumar Sondhi	Tech. Expert, Rural Development, Punjab

List of Projects approved for 2013-14

Sr. No.	Description of Project	Outlay (Crore Rs.)
3.1	Efficient Distribution of Fertilizers	5.00
3.2	To maintain NABL Status of State Pesticide Testing Laboratories.	0.50
3.3	Promotion of Sugarcane Cultivation in the State (MMWP)	2.00
3.4	Supply of certified wheat seed in Non-NFSM Districts	10.00
3.5	Promotion of Seed Treatment in crops	3.00
3.6	Sustainable wheat production through control of yellow rust	5.0
3.7	Promotion of technology to stop burning of Straw	10.00
3.8	Direct Sowing of Basmati	5.00
3.9	Setting up of Agro Service Centers	15.00
3.10	Fencing of Forest Area to save crops from damage by wild animals.	10.00
3.11	Construction of Godown for Preservation of Seed	3.90
3.12	Remote Sensing Satellite and GIS based crop mapping and Monitoring for better Agriculture Practices for Punjab	1.16
3.13	Promotion of mechanization of Sugarcane harvesting and Cotton Picking-PAU	2.75
3.14	Community Pipeline system for efficient water conveyance	30.00
3.15	Watershed Development in Catchment Area of Flood Prone River Ghaggar for enhancing productivity (MMWP)	1.00
3.16	Matching Irrigation water availability and demand for improved productivity through efficient On-Farm Water Management	10.00
3.17	Establishment of Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Irrigation and water Management (CESIWM)	5.00
3.18	Post Harvest handling of Fruits & Vegetables with Plastic Crates to improve their marketability in the State.	4.35
3.19	Financial Assistance for Horticulture Activities in Moga, Mansa, Barnala and Ropar Districts (Non NHM Districts).	1.67
3.20	Promotions of sericulture in the State	0.36
3.21	Promotion of Diversification of Agriculture through Citrus Cultivation	8.00
3.22	Establishment of Litchi and Pear Estates	4.00
3.23	Setting up of High Tech Model Nurseries	4.45
3.24	Facilities for Market Development for Horticultural Produce	2.75
3.25	Establishment of "On Farm Cold Rooms"	1.00
3.26	Integrated Nutrient Management through use of Water Soluble Fertilizers with Micro Irrigation Systems.	2.00
3.27	Promotion of Bee Keeping	1.00
3.28	Agri-Mart: A System of Marketing through Self-Help Groups	1.00
3.29	Production of Quality Fruits and Vegetables With The Use Of Agro-Chemicals	5.00
3.30	Fruit and Vegetable Pack Houses	2.00
3.31	Provision for Veterinary Medicines in Veterinary Institutions for better Live Stock Healthcare	4.78
3.32	To enhance the Productivity of Dairy Cattle by Importing High Genetic Merit Semen	2.32
3.33	Provision of Sexed Semen by high genetic merit to enhance the productivity and to control the problem of unwanted male calves	6.68
3.34	Strengthening of Veterinary Care Services By providing High-Tech Mobile Vans to serve at the door step of farmers	2.86

3.35	Establishment of Three Veterinary Polyclinics in the Districts of Barnala, Pathankot and Fazilka	6.45
3.36	Up-gradation of Five Veterinary Polyclinics and Strengthening of Veterinary Institutions with Energy Back-Up Systems for Better Delivery of Services	1.90
3.37	Providing specialized veterinary care services at tehsil and block level hospitals	9.15
3.38	Salvaging of female germ plasm of cattle and buffalo to establish animal nurseries	4.30
3.39	Up-gradation of Punjab Veterinary Vaccine Institute according to the GMP norms to Produce Quality Vaccines for Livestock Population in the State	3.00
3.40	Women empowerment through dairy farming.	10.00
3.41	Mechanization of Dairy Farm Operations.	4.00
3.42	Incentive for animal insurance and computer chips.	4.40
3.43	Promotion and Development of Dairy for Clean Milk Production	0.75
3.44	Improvement of Animal Housing	5.00
3.45	Assistance for Establishment of Bio-Gas Plants at Dairy Farms	0.87
3.46	New Cattle Feed and Milk Testing Laboratory, Verka	1.00
3.47	Project Proposal for Enhancing Income for Small Farmers and Rural Land Less Workers through Buffalo Breed Improvement and Management Programme- Establishment of 200 Integrated Buffalo Development Centres (IBDC).	16.00
3.48	Establishment of Tilapia Fish Seed Hatchery at National Govt. Fish Seed Farm	2.00
3.49	Establishment of Two Fish Seed Hatchery for Enhancing of Production of Fish Seed	0.54
3.50	Provision of Nets to Fish Farmers	0.50
3.51	Establishment of Fish Seed Farm at Fazilka	1.00
3.52	Strengthening of Agriculture Research-PAU	17.85
3.53	Development and Dissemination of Technologies-GADVASU	13.57
3.54	Accelerated Fodder Development Programme (AFDP)	20.00
3.55	Vegetable initiative urban cluster	6.00
3.56	National Mission for Protein Supplements.	12.34
5.01	Setting-up of Multi Product Radiation Processing Technology Demonstration Plant in the State	10.00
	Total	324.15
3.58	Crop Diversification Plan: Action Plan	224.50