

**Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary (MIDH & OFWM) on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 to consider Annual Action Plans under MIDH.**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary (MIDH & OFWM) to consider Annual Action Plan (AAP) under NHM component of MIDH scheme for implementation during 2015-16.

None of the UTs, which were invited, attended the meeting.

AAP in respect of National Level Agencies (NLAs) of NHRDF, NSC, NRCC, Spices Board, DCCD, DASD, MNCFO, IASRI and NCPAH were discussed. List of participants is given at **Annexure**.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants. He stressed upon the need to supplement the efforts of State Horticulture Mission (SHM) in the development of Horticulture sector.

Summary details of discussion and decisions taken are as under:

**1. National Horticulture Research & Development Foundation (NHRDF)**

Dr. R.P. Gupta, Director NHRDF informed that the organization has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 11.17 crore against the release of Rs. 11.63 crore during 2014-15 for taking up vegetable seed production, import of onion seeds, HRD and FLD.

Action Plan for 2015-16 has been prepared with an outlay of Rs. 8.95 crore.

**2. National Research Centre for Citrus (NRCC)**

Dr. Lawania, Director, NRC highlighted the progress achieved under Technology Mission on Citrus in Vidharbha, Marathwada and Chindwada regions. He informed that so far 38.4 lakh citrus plants have been produced and distributed under TMC. Acid lime saplings were sold @ Rs. 20% each while other citrus plants were sold @ Rs. 50/- per plant. He added that there was huge demand for citrus planting material, to the tune of 50 lakh plants per year. They have also conducted training programmes for farmers and field functionaries. During 2014-15, an expenditure of Rs. 5.10 crore has been incurred. Unspent balance to the tune of Rs. 1.22 crore was available.

NRCC has proposed an outlay of Rs. 10.84 crore for AAP 2015-16.

### **3. National Seeds Corporation**

Shri Kuldeep Singh, General Manager, NSC informed that they have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 8.80 crore against allocation of Rs. 12.00 crore during 2014-15. There was some shortfall in achieving target for vegetable hybrid seed production, which is expected to be achieved by end of March, 2015. He added that there was no problem in the sale of vegetables seeds being produced by NSC.

NSC has proposed an outlay of Rs 14.74 crore for AAP 2015-16.

### **4. Spices Board**

Shri Sitaramaizah, Deputy Director, Spice Board highlighted the progress achieved during 2014-15 which mainly related to mechanization and post harvest management of spices. An expenditure of Rs. 3.48 crore has been incurred against released of 4.50 crore.

Spices Board has proposed an outlay of Rs 5.00 crore for AAP 2015-16.

### **5. Directorate of Arecnut & Spices Development (DASD)**

Dr. Homy Cherian Director, DASD highlighted the progress achieved during 2014-15 and informed that an expenditure of Rs. 10.75 crore has been incurred against the release of Rs. 10.70 crore. Most of the programmes of 2014-15 are being continued during 2015-16 for which an outlay of Rs. 14.00 crore has been proposed. Few new programmes such as demonstration of micro irrigation, setting up of bio control lab have been proposed.

DASD has proposed an outlay of Rs 14.00 crore for AAP 2015-16.

### **6. Directorate of Cashew & Cocoa Development (DCCD)**

Shri Venkatesh Hubballi, Director, DCCD informed that interventions under cashew development has resulted in increase in area and production of cashew and cocoa. Low productivity in these crops was a concern. During 2014-15, DCCD had taken up programmes on area expansion, rejuvenation HRD with an outlay of Rs. 24.00 crore. An expenditure of Rs. 17.57 crore has been incurred so far.

DCCD has proposed an outlay of Rs 23.98 crore for AAP 2015-16.

**7. Mahalabonis National Crop Forecasting Centre (MNCFC)**

Dr. Ray informed that the CHAMAN project was approved during 2014-15 with an outlay of Rs. 13.38 crore for a period of three years. An amount of Rs. 0.94 crore was released during February, 2015. So far no expenditure could be incurred. However, committed liabilities of Rs. 0.11 crore would be spent shortly. The projected requirement of funds for 2015-16 was Rs. 4.12 crore. MNCFC would finalize the AAP accordingly.

MNCFC has proposed an outlay of Rs 4.12 crore for AAP 2015-16.

**8. Indian Agricultural Statistical Research Institute (IASRI)**

Dr. Sood, IASRI mentioned that out of Rs. 0.63 crore released expenditure to the tune of Rs. 0.40 crore is anticipated by 31.3.2015. Projected outlay for 2015-16 was Rs. 3.92 crore.

IASRI has proposed an outlay of Rs 3.92 crore for AAP 2015-16.

**9. National Committee on Plasticulture Application in Agriculture & Horticulture (NCPAAH)**

Mr. Kris Iyengar, Executive Officer, NCPAAH projected a request of Rs. 2.30 crore for 2015-16 as NLA under MIDH.

**10. National Horticulture Board (NHB)**

Mr. N.C. Mistry, AMD, NHB projected a request of Rs. 4.00 crore for 2015-16 as NLA under MIDH.