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Horticulture Division - MIDH

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Subject: - Minutes of the Video Conference Session held on 12/09/2018 regarding review of progress of utilization of funds under MIDH - regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Minutes of the Video Conference Session held on 12/09/2018 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Secretary (Horticulture) regarding review of progress of utilization of funds under MIDH, for information and necessary action.

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MINUTES OF THE VIDEO CONFERENCE SESSION HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DEPUTY SECRETARY (HORTICULTURE) WITH STATE/UT HORTICULTURE MISSIONS ON 12/09/2018 AT KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

Welcoming the States, the Chair shared the purpose of holding the Video Conference and advised all SHMs to make extra efforts to increase the pace of utilization under MIDH by 30th September 2018 so as to avoid cut in their annual allocation.

2. Except for Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu, Jammu & Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh, all other States/UTs participated

in the Video Conference.

3. The deliberations with the States are as under:

ANDHRA PRADESH:

The State informed that they have completed their spill over target and have already submitted Utilization Certificate for Rs.2399.00 crore . SHM also informed that out of Rs.5700.00 lakh released during 2018-19, a sum of Rs.1600.00 lakh has so far been utilized. They assured that by the end of September, they will submit the proposal for release of second installment. The Chair advised SHM to expedite the proposal for second installment.

BIHAR:

The State informed that out of unspent balance of Rs.1036.00 lakh, revalidated by the Ministry, the State has been able to spend Rs.582.00 lakh so far. First installment of Rs.9.00 lakh released during 2018-19 is still lying with State Finance Department. They assured that they would spend the remaining unspent balance within 15 days. The Chair advised SHM to spend available balance by 22nd September and come up with proposal for release of second installment as early as possible. Sr. Technical Director, NIC brought to the notice of SHM that the State is not making any entry on Hortnet /DBT.

CHHATTISGARH:

The State informed that by the end of September, 2018, they would be able to spend 60-70% and 80% by October, 2018 of the available fund and that the unspent balance of Rs.400.00 lakh, which was revalidated by the Ministry would also be spend soon. State was also advised to regularly update data on HORNET & expenditure on DBT portal.

GOA:

The State informed that the Ministry has revalidated the unspent balance of Rs.73.87 lakh. Audit for financial year 2017-18 has been completed and that they would submit proposal for release of first installment alongwith audited Utilization Certificate by 3rd week of September. The SHM was informed that they are not sharing data on HORTNET and DBT.

GUJARAT:

The State informed that they have so far utilized Rs.1125.00 lakh, out of total available fund of Rs.5829.00 lakh. The SHM informed that SLEC has not yet been held and that they would be able to spend around Rs.4500.00 lakh within one month of SLEC's approval. The SHM would submit proposal for release of second installment by end of September. The Chair advised SHM to make efforts to spend the available balance at the earliest or else they would undergo cut in annual allocation.

HARYANA:

The State informed that they have already utilized 60% of the available fund. It was informed that Payment Gateway is not working, and Rs.3-4 crore would be added as and when the Gateway starts functional. The State would submit Audited Utilization Certificate by 1st October, 2018 and that proposal for release of 2nd installment had already been submitted to the Ministry.

JHARKHAND:

The State was informed that out of unspent balance of Rs.1754.00 lakh, the State could only utilize Rs.702.00 lakh so far. The Chair informed that SHM may approach this Department for revalidation of unspent balance pertaining to 2016-17 as well as release of first installment only after utilization of substantial part of the unspent balance.

KARNATAKA:

The State informed that out of the total available balance of Rs.6329.00 lakh, they have utilized Rs.181.00 lakh so far. The Chair expressed his dissatisfaction with the slow pace of expenditure by the State Horticulture Mission, which is around 3% only and advised the State to take steps to increase pace of expenditure and come up for release of second proposal alongwith audited Utilization Certificate. SHM has reported that they would submit audited Utilization Certificate for 2017-18 within a week's time.

KERALA:

The SHM informed that they would be able to spend Rs.3387.00 lakh by the month end and would be submitting release proposal for second installment by 25th September. The SHM reported that they were yet to receive the fund for Special Package from the State Finance Department. The State was advised to get the Special Package audited separately.

MADHYA PRADESH:

SHM informed that by September last, the State would be able to spend around fifty percent of their allocation. They also brought to the notice of the Chair that SC, ST liability is more, as sufficient number of applications are not being received under that category. Under General Category, only Rs.200.00 lakh is remaining to be spent. Regarding their request for inter-component changes, it was informed by the Department that if the said components are part of the approved AAP, then only request for inter-component changes would be considered. The Chair advised SHM to focus on expenditure.

MAHARASHTRA:

The State informed that they would be able utilize fifty percent of their total allocation by 15th October, 2018. The Chair advised SHM to make extra efforts to utilize the unspent amount by 30th September 2018 or else the allocations for the SHM might have to be reduced. Chair also advised to upload the total expenditure on the website.

ODISHA:

SHM informed that they have utilized the entire revalidated amount of Rs.2193.00 lakh, however, out of 1st installment of Rs. 2100.00 lakh, they could only utilized Rs.154.00 lakh. The Chair advised SHM to submit proposal for 2nd installment by 20th September 2018. The issue of non reporting of data on website was also raised in the session and SHM was advised to get in touch with the technical team of NIC to resolve the problem.

PUNJAB:

Department informed the State that their request for release of first installment is under process. On the issue of diversion of flexi-fund to Centre of Excellence (CoE) for floriculture in Ludhian, the Chair informed that the Department to send a proposal which would then be examined. The Chair advised SHM the focus on HORTNET.

RAJASTHAN:

The State informed that out of total available balance is Rs.4082.00 lakh, the State could utilize Rs.601.00 lakh so far for the reason being, pending green houses have just started again due to price hike in steel price. SHM informed that they would reach approximately Rs.1200.00 lakh and might even reach Rs.15-18.00 crore by the end of September, 2018. The hope to gain the required pace now that green house projects have just started again. SHM informed that they would submit a proposal for Rs.2000.00 lakh by third week of September, 2018. The Chair advised SHM to submit weekly expenditure report and try to utilize available funds as soon as possible.

TAMIL NADU:

The State informed that their total available balance is 5008.024 lakhs, the state has utilized 3186.94 lakhs so far. They informed that they will utilize the remaining balance by 30th September 2018. The Chair advised SHM to submit audited utilization certificate before 15th December 2018 and also to report on HORTNET.

TELENGANA:

The slow pace of utilization of revalidated unspent balance is due to non release of funds from State Finance Department. Rs. 2093.00 lakh is yet to be released by the State Finance Department of Government of Telangana. State expects an expenditure of Rs. 700.00 lakh by 20th September 2018. The Department advised SHM to utilize the substantial part of the unspent balance and then approach for 1st installment.

UTTAR PRADESH:

SHM informed that they will utilize the total available funds under MIDH and will submit audited utilization certificate by 20th October 2018. The proposal for 2nd installment has already been sent on 11th September 2018. The Chair advised SHM to utilize available funds up to 50% and also to upload the total expenditure data on HORTNET. SHM requested to release 2nd installment under General category only as the sufficient funds are available with them under SCSP category.

WEST BENGAL:

The State informed that their total available balance is 907.77 lakh, the state has utilized 593.95 lakh so far. They informed that they will utilize the remaining balance by 30th September 2018. SHM informed that they have already got their SHM accounts audited. Also they will send proposal for 2nd installment after receipt of 1st installment.

A & N ISLAND:

The UT informed that out of total revalidated amount of Rs. 143.76 lakh available as on 01/04/2018, only Rs. 7.74 lakh has been utilized so far. They informed that the proposal for 1st installment has already been furnished to GoI. 1st installment could not be released due to huge unspent balance. The Chair advised them to try to utilize available funds as soon as possible.

PUDUCHERRY:

The State informed that their total unspent revalidated amount is 48.54 lakh, the state has not utilized it so far as the funds from State Finance Department is yet to be released. They will submit audited utilization certificate by 30th September 2018 and will send the proposal for 1st installment by 1st week of October 2018. The Chair advised SHM to utilize available funds and send proposal for 1st installment by 30th September 2018.

ASSAM:

The State informed that out of total available balance Rs. 2844.838 lakh, they have utilized Rs. 2613.76 lakhs so far. They were told that their proposal for release of 2nd installment is under examination in the Department. SHM was reminded that their current years' allocation is three times more than previous year allocation and therefore they should keep focus on maximum utilization of funds. Sr. Technical Director, NIC reminded SHM that they are yet to implement DBT/HORTNET.

SIKKIM:

The State informed that they have utilized Rs. 1841.03 lakh from out of the revalidated amount of Rs. 1850.00 lakh. The State has informed that the first installment of Rs. 1250.00 lakh is yet to be released from the State Finance Department. They informed that the audit of MIDH account is likely to be completed by 30th September 2018 and will send the proposal for 2nd installment by 31st October 2018. SHM also requested to transfer funds through RTGS in place of present practice of fund transfer by Demand Draft. The Chair advised SHM to send a formal request on this issue. The Chair advised SHM to utilize available funds and send proposal for 2nd installment.

MANIPUR:

The State informed that out of total available funds of Rs.3590.00 lakh, an amount of Rs.1983.285 lakhs has been utilized so far. They will submit audited utilization certificate by October 2018 and will send the proposal for 2nd installment by November 2018. State has also informed that they have utilized 90% of the revalidated amount and they are however yet to received 1st installment of GoI share and corresponding matching state share from the State Government. The Chair advised SHM to utilize available funds and send proposal for 2nd installment.

MEGHALAYA:

The State informed that out of total availability of Rs. 2920.79 lakh (1st release + unspent balance as on 01.4.18) the state has utilized 200.772 lakh so far. They will submit audited utilization certificate by 5th October 2018 and will send the proposal for 2nd installment by 5th October 2018.

MIZORAM:

The State informed that out of total revalidated unspent balance of Rs. 1270.26 lakh, the state has utilized Rs. 894.56 so far. The State has informed that the first installment of Rs. 1000.00 lakh is yet to be released from the State Finance Department. They will submit audited utilization certificate by 15th October 2018 and will send the proposal for 2nd installment by 1st week of October 2018.

TRIPURA:

The State informed that they would be able to utilize the unspent balance by November 2018. It was brought to the notice of SHM that there is a discrepancy in reporting of unspent balance reported in the Audited UC 2016-17 which need reconciliation. They informed that out of revalidated unspent amount of Rs. 236.14 lakh, the State has utilized Rs. 74.55 lakh so far. They will submit audited utilization certificate by 30th November 2018 and will send the proposal for 1st installment by 31th December 2018. The Chair advised SHM to utilize revalidated unspent amount and send proposal for 1st installment at the earliest.

NAGALAND:

The State informed that out of the revalidated unspent balance of Rs.886.15 lakhs, an amount of Rs. 386.15 lakh has been utilized so far. No funds have been utilized out of 1st installment of Rs. 1000.00 lakh. State has informed that the audit of MIDH account is likely to be completed by 31st October 2018 and will send the proposal for 2nd installment by 15th November 2018. The Chair advised SHM to utilize available funds and send proposal for 2nd installment at the earliest.

HIMACHAL PRADESH:

The State informed that their total unspent revalidated amount was 3079.37 lakhs, the state has utilized 2327.13 lakhs so far. They will submit audited utilization certificate by 30th September 2018. SHM was informed that their proposal for release of 1st installment is under process.

UTTRAKHAND:

The State informed that out of revalidated unspent balance of Rs.1615.27 lakhs, an amount of Rs. 1339.44 lakh has been utilized so far. State has also informed that 1st installment of Rs. 2000.00 lakh released during 2018-19 was received only a day prior to this Video Conference and that they would submit proposal for 2nd installment by 25th September 2018. The Chair advised SHM to utilize the available funds at the earliest and send proposal for 2nd installment.

6. Speaking on HORTNET/DBT, Sr. Technical Director (NIC) advised the States to come up with their problems regarding HORTNET/DBT, if any.

7. Winding up the VC session, the Chair requested all participants to utilize their remaining unspent balance by 25th of September and submit the necessary documents for release of further installment as lesser expenditure would result in cut in their allocated budget. The Chair also pointed that SHMs are not furnishing the weekly utilization statements as requested for by the Department.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.