

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 17.07.2015 at 10.00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Agriculture Department in Committee Room, Krishi Bhawan, Panchkula.**

List of Participants is attached at Annexure-I.

The Director Agriculture welcomed the participants and requested the Chairman to allow for the discussion on the agenda. The point wise agenda items discussed are as under:

**1. Area coverage under different crops & production.**

DDA's presented the target/area coverage under different Kharif crops and assured for completion of assigned targets. DDA Jhajjar and Sirsa informed that the area under Groundnut has increased. Sugarcane area also increased to an extent in district Jhajjar.

**2. Crop Diversification Programme (RKVY)-** This programme is adopted by Ten districts in the State. Cultivation of Maize as well as DSR are being promoted in the Paddy growing areas of the state. Due to non availability of Seed Drill for DSR problems were faced by the farmers for sowing of Direct Seeded Rice (DSR). It was further discussed that marketing strategies regarding sale of Maize produce need to be strengthened so that the farmers may able to switch over from Paddy to Maize cultivation.

**3. Agricultural Technology Management Agency. (ATMA):** DDAs informed that budget has not been allotted till date. Chairman directed the ADA(ext.) to allot the funds as per availability in the scheme immediately.

**4. Availability of inputs (Seed, Fertilizer and Pesticides).**

DDAs informed that the availability and supply of seeds, Fertilizers and Agro-chemicals are satisfactory in their districts but DDA Faridabad informed that there is possibility of shortage of urea in the district. Additional Cane Commissioner assured that no shortage is observed in the market till date and plenty of urea will be made available for the farmers in the state. DDAs were directed to put a cap on the sale of unauthorized fertilizers/other inputs by dealers in their respective districts. Worthy Chairman also directed all the DDAs to inspect each & every outlet of Agriculture inputs by involving the entire staff including soil Conservations/Hydrologists/AAs in their respective district by 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 positively and report may be sent to H.Q. accordingly.

**5. Quality Control Enforcement.**

The samples analysis report of various laboratories was discussed by the worthy Chairman. Director Agriculture advised that DDAs should personally ensure the achievement of allotted targets well in time and the availability of good quality

inputs to the farmers. A strict vigil on the availability and distribution of quality inputs will be kept by the respective DDAs in their districts.

6. **Soil and Water Management.** – The Addl. Director (SWM) informed that the schemes are being implemented by the ASCOs in the district and the budget is directly provided through online system for the implementation of Soil and Water Conservation Schemes, thus there is no sufficient work in the field for utilization of services of DSCOs efficiently. He further suggested that the post of Divisional Soil Conservation Officers may be shifted at Head Office and in the office where the Class-I post is not exist.

Some DDAs raised the issue that the DSCOs/ASCOs are not provided the list of beneficiary of UGPL and Sprinkler irrigation system installed in the district for random checking of the systems. The Chairman advised that the farmers should not be bound to procure material for UGPL/Sprinkler/ Implements etc. from the empanelled firms only and farmer should be free to procure ISI material of BIS specifications from any firm of the Country.

7. **Other issues:** - The progress of Soil samples was discussed at length. Worthy Chairman directed that soil sampling being a Flagship activity of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Govt. of India, therefore, year wise completion of targets must be ensured.

While presenting the progress of their respective districts, DDAs presented the status of water table in their districts. DDA Rohtak & Jhajjar informed that due to high water table in some blocks of their districts, it is difficult to achieve Bio-gas targets due to high water table. Due to the said problem, it was desired that district administration may be requested to reduce the targets proportionately under intimation to this directorate. Further, DDAs informed that the increase in the installation cost of Biogas is a big constraint in the achievement of targets. Chairman desired that Govt. of India may be requested to increase the subsidy component of Biogas for the promotion of this scheme.

8. **Staff position:** All DDAs informed that they are facing acute shortage of staff thereby extension/official work is being adversely affected. DDA Palwal apprised that there is only one SMS (T&I) and three ADOs in the district and they are also busy in other activities assigned by District Administration like distribution of compensation etc. Due to their busy schedule, they are not able to complete assigned task of the department. Worthy Chairman directed JD (Admn.) to expedite the process in filling all the vacant posts by adopting proper procedure of recruitment.

**Special directions issued by Chairman.**

- The DDAs having additional charge were directed to contribute three days for additional charge as well as four days including Saturday and Sunday at their own Head Quarter. Apart from that DDAs will involve themselves in the extension activities and visit the farmer fields at least 10 days in a month (5 visits during regular working days & remaining 5 visits during Saturdays and Sundays). Advance tour programmes followed by tour note will be submitted to the Director Agriculture well in time.
- The documentation of the different extension activities like Soil Sampling, demonstrations, farmer meetings, farmer training programmes, field days etc. is essential and to be submitted in the Directorate during the monthly meetings.
- DDA Ambala & Yamunanagar were allowed to purchase the Seed of Urd (Pulse Crop) for the promotion of pulses in their districts.
- Worthy Chairman also advised to undertake civil as well as interior decoration work in the Conference Room of the Directorate.
- Worthy Chairman also approved the construction of Guest Houses in the premises of Directorate as well as Govt. Press in Rai, Distt. Sonipat.
- Regarding shifting of Head Quarter of DSCOs, the Chairman desired that the case may be examined and submit the proposal accordingly.
- The ASCOs shall submit the list of beneficiaries of the UGPL/ Sprinkler irrigation systems to the DDAs for 5 % random checking of the systems installed in the district.
- To check the menace of white fly in Cotton Crop special campaign will be organize by concerned DDAs. A literature containing best practices to be adopted will be prepared in consultation with the CCS HAU, Hisar Scientists by ADA (Extn.) and distributed among the DDAs of Cotton belt.
- Worthy Chairman also desired that none of the officer is allowed to visit Head Quarter without prior leave from Director Agriculture/ HOD.
- Worthy Chairman also desired that a register containing complete details of property as well as buildings to be maintained at district level.
- Being the Nodal officer of the District, DDAs are responsible to supervise entire crop production/infrastructure schemes alongwith other extension activities of all the sections of the Department of Agriculture in their respective district. All DSCOs/Hydrologists/AAs/ACDOs will report to concerned Deputy Director Agriculture (Nodal Officer for the district) with relation to implementation of

different schemes and undertaken of extension activities in their respective operational area. A monthly comprehensive report of their scheme may be submitted regularly to the concerned Deputy Director Agriculture.

- DDAs must ensure to upload computerized list of beneficiaries relates to all the schemes and will ensure that the different benefits under different schemes to be made available uniformly among the small and marginal farmers.
- Each scheme must be advertized/well publicized particularly in the rural areas so that maximum farmers can avail the benefits of the announced schemes. Extension Officers stationed in the rural areas will also be responsible for the proper advertisement / communication of subsidy linked schemes for the farmers.
- It was desired that due to problems faced by Sugarcane farmers on account of nonpayment as well as denial for the purchase of Sugarcane produce as an intercrop particularly along with popular, new licenses may be issued to the Khandsari / Gur units as an alternate.
- DDAs were directed to maintain Stock Registers properly pertaining to stores in their districts.
- DDAs were also directed to ensure net connectivity as well as other physical facilities including furniture and installation of computer, printer etc. in the field offices under their supervision. Additional Director (Extn.) was directed to make arrangements of funds from RKVY for the said purpose.
- DDAs were directed to make available the contact numbers of all the extension officers among the farmers through pamphlets / hoardings etc. so that they can enquire about the beneficial schemes as well as consult for any crop specific advisory.
- DDAs were directed to check all inputs smugglings/pilferages points (especially in border districts).
- JD (AE) was directed to divert targets/funds allotted for Rotavator to Happy Seeder/Maize Planter/ Multicrop Planter /DSR machine etc.
- The pamphlets/brochures/booklets for the extension of different activities for farmers should be published at Directorate level rather than in individual districts. DDAs will also ensure for installation of proper hoarding in each and every grain market containing the entire schemes to be implemented / extension activities to be conducted in the respective area. Any installation permission if required be sought from the concerned Secretary Market Committee.

- HSAMB may be asked to provide a suitable official space for shifting the office of BAO/ADOs in their respective Secretary / Asstt. Secretary Market Committee offices located in the Grain Market throughout the state. After the official allotment in the Market Committee all the ADOs attached with the respective BAO will sit together and perform related extension activities in the villages allocated to them. The remaining field staff comprising of ADO (PP), ADO (SC), ADO (Sugarcane), ADO Marketing and ADO (FI) will also share the same office with Block Agriculture Officer concerned.
- The services of ADOs may also be utilized against the post of TAs at subdivisions/districts and HQ as per requirement.
- The ADO General may be given the Additional charge of Soil conservation in addition to his present duties wherever it is required.
- Shifting of ADOs stationed at Faridabad, Gurgaon, Kurukshetra and Panchkula be transferred to the Directorate with post as the operational Agriculture areas under them in their respective districts have been converted into Urban areas.
- The Chairman also desired that the old and useless records lying in different offices may be weed out as per government policy.
- It was also desired by the Chairman to purchase Implements/ Pipes used in UGPL/ Sprinkler/Drip Irrigation etc. from only the empanelled firms. They have the right to purchase the above said articles from open market as more than 60% of the cost borne by the farmer itself. They have to follow the norms outlined by government i.e BIS specification etc.
- Employee Database should be maintained in the specified format designed by the Directorate for all the employees of the Department. JD (Admn.) was directed to implement the process of Database maintenance at district level.
- DDA Ambala was also directed to take up the matter of opening of purchase centre with the HAFED instead of NAFED for the procurement of Pulses.
- All scheme incharges were directed to ensure timely approval/implementation of the schemes.
- All DDAs were directed to maintain their inputs inventory records and District Administration may be informed well in time while executing any special raid for monitoring agriculture inputs to avoid any complexity in the matter.
- DDAs were allowed to allot work to WDT as and when needed as per requirement.
- DDAs were allowed to recruit temporary staff against vacant sanctioned posts according to outsourcing policy in a transparent manner.

- Farmers must be educated for the harmful effects of stubble burning so that it can be stopped with a participatory approach.
  - DDAs must ensure that there should be no pendency of ACRs in their respective district after 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.
  - DDAs were directed to get their official vehicles declared condemned as per norms and submit the request for allocation of new vehicle as a replacement.
- The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.