Subject: Minutes of the 2nd Second Meeting of Standing Committee of NMOOP- reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the 2nd meeting of Standing Committee (SC) of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm held on 6th September 2017 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Commissioner, for information and follow-up action. The action taken report may please be communicated to this Department.

Enclosed: As above.

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10. Joint Secretary (Oilseeds) & Mission Director (NMOOP), Krishi Bhawan New Delhi

Other invitees
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Minutes of 2nd Meeting of Standing Committee of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) held on 6th September, 2017

Second meeting of Standing Committee (SC) of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) was held on 6.9.2017 in Committee Room No. 112, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Commissioner. The list of participants is annexed.

At the outset, the Agriculture Commissioner welcomed the participants. In his opening remarks, he mentioned that domestic consumption of edible oils has increased profusely and has touched to 24 million tonnes and is likely to increase. Major part of demand is met through imports. It is a matter of pleasure that concerted efforts made last year by states under NMOOP, led to record production of 32.52 million tonnes from same area of 26 million ha. How we can narrow the wide gap between production and consumption that is the challenge before us. We are aware that in recent past a good number of initiatives have been taken to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds & oil palm by different states. This second Standing Committee of NMOOP is meeting to review the progress and further discuss action plan to be undertaken. He invited Jt. Secretary (Oilseeds) for giving the agenda wise presentation, before the invited states are asked for presentations.

A detailed presentation covering the background information about demand and supply of vegetable oils, oilseeds scenario, progress of implementation of NMOOP including allocation and expenditure and agenda notes of the meeting was made by Joint Secretary (Oilseeds). The items wise summary of the decisions/actions emerged during the meeting are summarized as under:

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st SC meeting held on 4th August, 2016.

Minutes were confirmed.

Agenda Item 2: Action taken report on the decisions of 1st SC meeting.

Noted.


3.1 Age relaxation of oilseed varieties for Telangana.

3.2 Age relaxation of oilseed varieties for Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

3.3 Age relaxation for seed production by Tamil Nadu.

3.4 Additional incentives on seedlings of Oil Palm to AP.
3.5 Inclusion of assistance for bee keeping under MM-I of NMOOP.

The decision contained under Agenda item 3.1 to 3.5 referred above were supported by the Committee and recommended for ratification by EC, NMOOP in its next meeting. As regards, the additional incentives on seedlings of oil palm is concerned, it was clarified that the rate of subsidy on seedlings has been enhanced from Rs. 8000/- per ha to Rs. 12000/- per ha recently with the approval of CCEA. Therefore, such relaxation would not be required in near future.

Agenda Item 4: Status of implementation of NMOOP during 2016-17.

Noted. However, Committee expressed its concern about slow progress under key interventions like seed production/distribution and supply of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes. The Committee desired that the progress of these items may be critically examined and the States/Agencies lagging behind may be requested to furnish the reasons of shortfall and remedial measures to overcome such shortfall in the years to come.

Agenda Item 5: Approval/ratification of AAPs of States, Central Agencies and R&D Institutions during 2017-18

5.1 Approval/ratification of AAPs of States for 2017-18.
Ratified. However, the states were advised to make vigorous efforts to ensure implementation of targeted activities, which will benefit in enhancing the production of oilseeds.

5.2 AAPs of Central Agencies for 2017-18
Ratified.

5.3 Approval of R&D Project
Ratified.

Agenda Item 6: Other initiatives/decisions.

Noted. However, States were advised to ensure the implementation of DBT. It was informed by the Joint Secretary (Oilseeds) that almost all the States of NFSM/NMOOP have participated in two days training programme organized on 4th – 5th September, 2017. The State may obtain their password from NIC/Programmer NFSM for uploading the progress of DBT on a sub-portal created for NMOOP. He also clarified
that implementation of DBT in Public Finance Management System (PFMS) is mandatory. But RTGS system may continue till PFMS is fully operationalized.

**Agenda item No.7:** Follow-up actions on the recommendations of GoS - Targetting Rice Fallow Areas (TRFA) in Eastern States.

Ratified.

**Agenda Item 8:** Presentation by the States.

Five presentations were made by the States of Gujarat, MP, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Telangana. The state wise highlights and issues are summarized as under:

8.1 **Gujarat**

A presentation covering rainfall, area coverage and crop prospects of oilseeds, progress of implementation of NMOOP including status of audited accounts and DBT was made by Director Agriculture, Gujarat. The highlights / issues are given below:

- Area coverage of 23.51 lakh ha under oilseeds during Kharif - 2017 as against the normal area of 23.36 lakh ha and coverage of 23.80 lakh ha during Kharif - 2016.
- Market intervention through Government Agencies for procurement of oilseeds.
- Implementation of DBT through RTGS mode till PFMS system is fully operationalized.

8.2 **Madhya Pradesh**

A presentation covering rainfall, area coverage and crop prospects of oilseeds, progress of implementation of NMOOP including new initiatives and DBT was made by Dy. Director Agriculture, Madhya Pradesh. The highlights / issues are given below:

- An area coverage of 55.49 lakh ha under soybean during Kharif - 2017 as against the 54.01 lakh ha during Kharif-2016 and 59.06 lakh during Kharif – 2015. The area of soybean has been diverted to pulses.
- Top-up subsidy of 30% on sprinklers from State Budgets.
- Adoption of Ridge-Furrow technology in soybean and Raised-Bed system in groundnut.
- Waiving off GST on agricultural input and exclusion of demonstration from DBT.
- Exclusion of interventions costing with <Rs.2000/- per unit from the purview of DBT.
The Chairman showed his concern about the poor progress of fund utilization and participation by an Officer who was unable to explain about the various issues relating to programme implementation in the State.

8.3 Assam

A presentation covering area coverage under oilseeds including Oil Palm, progress of implementation of NMOOP was made by Assistant Director Agriculture, Assam. The highlights / issues are given below:

- Larger scope for Rabi oilseeds namely groundnut, mustard, sesame, linseed in riverine areas during Rabi 2017-18.
- Non-implementation of key interventions like pump sets and drip irrigation system due to inability of farmers for payment of 100% cost of these items.

The Chairman showed his concern about the poor progress of fund utilization and participation by a junior level Officer and who was unable to explain about the various issues raised during the meeting.

8.4 Tamil Nadu

A detailed presentation comprising status of implementation of NMOOP, cafeteria of inputs supplied under demonstration, new initiatives and implementation of DBT was made by Dy. Director Agriculture, Tamil Nadu. The highlights / issues are given below:

- Age relaxation of K-6 variety of groundnut which has been recommended by TNAU and is well adopted in the State.
- Inclusion of coconut as oilseeds under NMOOP for financial assistance.

The request of the State was also supported by Director, IIOR, Hyderabad, however, he also suggested that Dharani, a latest variety of groundnut is also doing well in Tamil Nadu, but both these varieties are not released in Tamil Nadu. The Chairman observed that State Government in consultation with TNAU may submit their proposal for notification of these varieties for the State.

8.5 Telangana

The presentation could not be made due to some technical problem, however, the issues shared by Deputy Director Agriculture, Telangana are summarized as under:

- The state has already submitted the requisite information/documents relating to release of funds for current financial year (2017-18) and requested for release of funds.
Non-availability of seed of less than 15 years old variety of soybean has slowed down the progress under seed and demonstration components.

As regard the implementation of DBT is concerned, training of Master Trainers have been completed and field functionaries are being trained to gather required information from the farmers for uploading.

The State representative was advised by the Joint Secretary (Oilseeds) to submit category-wise break up for the unspent balance available as on 1st April, 2017 and documentary evidence in support of year wise release of State share.

9. Director, IIOR, Hyderabad expressed scope for area expansion under groundnut, sesame, sunflower and safflower in rice fallows in Southern States with good yields. He also said that Spiny variety of safflower contains 3-4% higher oil content in comparison Spineless varieties/hybrids. The problem of spine could be managed with the use of combined harvesters, which are readily available on custom hiring basis. He also said that sesame and sunflower also hold scope for area expansion and productivity improvement both in Kharif and Rabi season.

10. Joint Secretary (Oilseeds) desired that a roadmap for achieving a target of 42.0 million tonne oilseeds by 2022 may be brought out by IIOR after the Brain Storming Session scheduled therein on 26th September, 2017.

11. While summing up the deliberations, the Chairman reiterated that non-availability of certified seed is an area of major concern in productivity improvement of oilseeds particularly of groundnut and soybean. He further requested the states for more emphasis on increasing seed replacement ratio with focus on varietal replacement, irrigation coverage should be increased under oil seeds, intercropping of oilseeds with cereals, pulses, sugarcane, use of rice fallow land after paddy and potato crop. As per group of Secretaries recommendations 75000 ha is also to be covered under oil palm in two years. The action points were suggested as under:

11.1. The progress of seed production/distribution and supply of sprinkler & water carrying pipes may be examined and the laggard States/Agencies may be requested to furnish the reasons of their shortfall and remedial measures to overcome the shortfall in future. (Action – Oilseeds Unit of Oilseeds Division)

11.2. States and Central Seed producing agencies must come up with a sound seed production plan of the best performing varieties atleast for next three years. (Action – CA Unit of Oilseeds Division)

11.3. Proposal for age relaxation/re-notification of best performing variety may be developed by the States in consultation with their SAUs and information about the area occupied by the variety and certified seed supplied during last two-three years. (Action – CA Unit of Oilseeds Division)
11.4. ICAR may also submit an action plan for setting up Seed Hub for oilseeds through KVKs similar to pulses with a focus on groundnut and soybean. (Action – CA Unit of Oilseeds Division)

11.5 A roadmap for achieving a target of 42.0 million tonne oilseeds by 2022 may be brought out by IIOR after the Brain Storming Session scheduled therein on 26th September, 2017. (Action – Oilseeds Unit of Oilseeds Division)

11.6 States may be requested to ensure participation of Sr. Officers not below the rank of State Nodal Officers / Joint Director Agriculture in the meeting of SC and EC of NMOOP. (Action – Coord. Unit of Oilseeds Division)

11.7 States should expedite audited UCs for 2014-15, 2015-16, provision UC for 2016-17 and progress of current year to facilitate release of 2nd installment. (Action – CA.II Unit of Oilseeds Division)

11.8 The States, which have received excess rainfall/floods during Kharif season may be asked to formulate action plans for additional programmes for Rabi / Summer – 2017-18 (Action – Oilseeds Unit of Oilseeds Division)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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6. Sh. Kuldip Singh Sharma, Sr. GM, National Seed Corporation, New Delhi
7. Sh. Deepak Rastogi GM (M), National Seed Corporation, New Delhi.
8. Dr. Surendera Singh, Adml MD, KRIBHCO, New Delhi.
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6. Sh. Navabjyoti Das, Manager, ASPAC, Govt. of Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati.
7. Shri Sh. G. Navaneetha Kannan, Dy. Director Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chepuk Cheenal.
8. Mrs. Y. Madhvi, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Government of Telangana, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad.

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