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Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
(Oil Seeds Division)  

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 7th September, 2015

Subject: Proceedings of the 2nd Meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) held on 26th August, 2015 at Krishi Bhawan New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to forward a copy of the minutes of the 2nd Meeting of Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm held on 26th August, 2015 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture (MOS) at ICAR Committee R.No. 1, Krishi Bhawan for information and necessary action.

It is requested that the Action Taken Report may kindly be furnished to the undersigned for placing the same before the next EC Meeting.

Encl. As above

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1. PS to Honble AM.
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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) held on 26th August, 2015 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

The 2nd meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of NMOOP was held on 26th August, 2015 under the chairmanship of Dr. Sanjeev Bajian, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, at ICAR Committee Room No.1, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is annexed. Welcoming the chairman and other members of the committee, Joint Secretary (OS) gave a brief background of NMOOP and its current activities. He informed about the recent initiatives like inclusion of all NE States with a greater focus on oil palm development, funding for adaptive research for dissemination of new technologies, enhancement of amount of Krishi Karman Award etc. Thereafter, agenda items of the meeting were considered as under:

1. Agenda Item 1: Approval/adoption of minutes of first meeting of EC: Approved.
2. Agenda Item 2: Follow up action on first meeting of EC: Noted.
4. Agenda Item 4: Status of Implementation during 2015-16: While deliberating upon the change of pattern of funding from 75:25 between Central and State Government to 50:50 basis and release of funds through State Governments, it was observed that States are finding it difficult to give matching share. In addition, release of funds through treasury is another concern in implementation of the programme. Therefore, representatives of the States requested for release of funds through State notified agencies instead of State treasuries.

5. Agenda Item 5: Ex-post facto approval:
   5.1 Inclusion of funding for adaptive research for dissemination of new technologies: Approved.
   5.2 Enhancement of amount of Krishi Karman Awards: Approved.
   5.3 Change in criteria for allocation of minikits: Approved.
6.4 Change in the rate of assistance for maintenance of Oil Palm plantation: Approved.

6.5 Involvement of Corporate bodies in plantation of TBOs: Approved.

6.6 Relaxation of age limit of varieties/hybrids of oilseeds under NMOOP during 2015-16: Approved.

6.7 Inclusion of Uttarakhand under MM-I (Oilseeds): Approved.

6.8 Approval of State-wise allocation for Rs. 534.00 crores for implementation of NMOOP during 2015-16: Approved.

6.9 Approval of Annual Action Plans (AAP) of NMOOP:

6.9.1 AAPs of States: Approved.

6.9.2 Approval for FLDs programme of oilseeds: Approved.

6.9.3 Approval for allocation of seed minikits under NMOOP for Kharif-2015: Approved.

6.9.4 Approval of Annual Action Plans of Central Seed Agencies: Approved.

6.9.5 Approval for utilization of unspent balances of last year i.e. 2014-15 under NMOOP during 2015-16: Approved.

6. Agenda item 6: Other initiatives/decisions taken.

6.1 Exposure visit of Members of Solvent Extractor Association (SEA) to North-Eastern States: Noted.

6.2 Use of flexi funds towards transportation cost of oil palm seedlings: Noted.

6.3 Price fixation formula for seed minikits: Noted.

6.4 Discontinuation of R&D projects on TBOs through NOVOD Board: Noted.
7. **Presentation by the States:** Four presentations were made by the States of UP, TN, Assam and Mizoram. The highlights and issues raised by the states are summarized as under:

7.1 **Uttar Pradesh:** A detailed presentation was made by Joint Director of Agriculture, representative of UP covering state profile, potential oilseed growing areas, crop wise constraints in oilseed production, strategies to meet the challenges. He also informed that a top-up subsidy of Rs. 38/- per kg is being given by the State Government over and above the subsidy of Rs. 12/- per kg available under NMOOP to motivate the oilseed growers and to bring an additional area of 1 lakh ha under sesame cultivation in Bundelkhand during Kharif-2015. The following problems and issues were proposed by the State for consideration:

- Increase in rate of seed distribution subsidy
- Revision of rate of assistance on supply of water carrying pipes, a key input for productivity improvement of oilseeds.
- Enhancement of import duty on edible oils particularly at the time of harvesting.
- Improvement in oil extraction efficiencies in the existing units.

7.1.1 The Chairman desired to know the mechanism adopted by the State Government to ensure the payment of seed subsidy to the farmers and showed his concern about the quality of seed supplied to the farmers.

7.1.2 JDMA informed that seed subsidy in Rabi 2015 will be transferred to the farmer's accounts through RTGS.

7.1.3 As regards the quality of seed, Joint Secretary (Seeds) informed that Secretary (A&C) has written to Chief Secretaries of all States emphasizing on preparation of long term plan for supply of certified seeds. MoU with Central / State Seed Agencies and other established seed producers may be signed, if required.
7.1.4 The Chairman desired that a separate meeting may be organized to develop modalities for ensuring supply of quality seed to the farmers.

7.2 Tamil Nadu: A presentation was made by the State representative covering state profile including their contribution in oilseed production and status of implementation of NMOOP in the State. He informed that TMV-7, an old variety of groundnut is most popular among the farmers and keeping in view the huge cost of seeds alone, age relaxation of varieties of oilseeds may be considered beyond 15 years. He also requested for supply of seeds of K-6 variety of groundnut.

7.3 Assam: A detailed presentation was made by the Director of Agriculture, Assam covering state profile including their contribution in oilseed production and status of implementation of NMOOP in the State. He also shared the performance of seed minikits of JD-6 (Pusa Mahak) supplied to the States first time during Rabi 2014-15 under NMOOP. An average yield of 985 kg/ha was recorded with JD-6 during 2014-15 as against the state average yield of 591 kg/ha. He also requested for increasing the supply of minikits of this variety during current year. It was also informed that an additional area of around 23000 ha rice fallows was brought under oilseeds cultivation during Rabi 2014-15 and there is a large scope for bringing more rice fallows under Rabi oilseeds. The following problems and issues were proposed for consideration:

- Enhancement of subsidy on seed upto 75% of sale price of NSC and 75% on irrigation tools and farm implements.
- Revision of pattern of funding from 50:50 to 90:10.

7.4 Mizoram: A detailed presentation on oil palm development programme in Mizoram was made by Director of Agriculture, Mizoram covering organization structure, involvement of private companies, year wise area coverage under oil palm, yield of FFBs and the price paid to the oil palm
growers. Wide range of topography/terrain covered under oil palm plantation, planting material and oil palm processing units was also shared. The following problems and issues were proposed for consideration:

- Clearance of proposal for establishment of seed gardens submitted to DAC through IIOR, Pedavegi.
- Revision of funding pattern from 50:50 to 90:10, if not 100%.
- Support for construction of roads.
- Cost of transportation of seedlings from nursery to farmers field.

7.4.1 As regards, the proposal for seed garden is concerned, it was informed by the scientist of IIOR that no such proposal is pending with them. Joint Secretary (OS) suggested that a copy of the proposal may be forwarded to DAC for taking appropriate action in the matter.

8. The Chairman desired that States should supply only good quality seeds, for which modalities may be strengthened. He wanted States to study whether farmers adopt new technologies and seeds in years after the demonstrations are held.

9. Action Points

9.1 The action points that emerged after the deliberations are summarized as under:

- To organize a meeting for preparation of modalities for ensuring the supply of quality seeds to the farmers. (Action: Seed Division, DAC).
- To examine the proposal for revision of rate of assistance on supply of water carrying pipes. (Action: Oil Seed Division, DAC).
- To examine the proposal for change of funding pattern and release of funds through State notified agencies.

(Action: Oil Seed Division, DAC).
To examine the proposal for age relaxation of varieties of oilseeds beyond 15 years.

(Action: Oil Seed Division, DAC).

- Supply of additional minikits of JD-6 (Pusa Mahak) of mustard to Assam and K-6 variety of groundnut to Tamil Nadu.

(Action: Oil Seed Division, DAC).

- Supply of a copy of the proposal for establishment of seed gardens.

(Action: Mizoram State).

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
Annexure

List of participants of second meeting of Executive Committee (EC) of NMOOP held on 28th August, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State.

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