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Proceeding of the meeting of Executive Committee held on 16.4.2015 (South-West Zones) & 17.04.2015 (North-East Zones & North –Eastern Zones) to consider Annual Action Plan submitted by the States for implementation of various components under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization during 2015-16.

The 1st Executive Committee meeting to consider Annual Action Plans submitted by States for implementation of various components of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) during 2015-16 was held on 16.4.2015 & 17.04.2015 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Sh. A.K. Srivastava, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The list of other participants is annexed.

The Joint Secretary (M&T) welcomed all the participants and made detailed component wise presentation on the Annual Action Plan submitted by States under SMAM. She informed the new instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance regarding the funding pattern of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). Under SMAM the sharing pattern for component No. 3 to 8 including flexi funds & Administrative Cost will be 50:50 (Centre: State) for the remaining period of the 12th Plan or till such time the NITI Aayog restructures the existing CSS in a comprehensive manner whichever is earlier. Accordingly, the States should make provision of matching grants through their State Plan for implementation of SMAM during 2015-16. The sharing pattern for Central Sector components i.e. component No.1 & 2 remains the same as 100:0 (Centre: State).

The following States have submitted AAP as per revised sharing pattern (50 Central: 50 State) and have been considered by the EC for release of funds during 2015-16 as per the details stated against each. The details of the recommended interventions with respect to physical and financial targets have been given in the Annexure indicated against each State.

Sr. No.	STATE	ALLOCATION	TOTAL AAP SUBMITTED BY STATE	UNSPENT BALANCE	TOTAL AAP APPROVED BY EC	CENTRAL SHARE	STATE SHARE
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
							(Rs. In lakh)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	758.47	1470.0	0	1455.59 (Annexure-1)	751.80	703.80
2	BIHAR	691.59	1384.00	900.80	1384.94 (Annexure-2)	691.97	691.97
3	CHHATTISGARH	400.29	800.00	71.94	800.0 (Annexure-3)	400.0	400.0
4	GUJARAT	725.24	1450.02	794.38	1411.48 (Annexure-4)	725.22	686.26
5	HARYANA	211.63	1966.76	255.21	218.65 (Annexure-5)	211.63	7.03
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	77.95	156.0	0	149.62 (Annexure-6)	74.81	74.81
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	98.99	198.0	0	189.11 (Annexure-7)	94.55	94.55

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	KARNATAKA	920.48	920.0	961.78	920.78 (Annexure-8)	511.34	409.44
9	KERALA	192.23	365.77	237.13	365.10 (Annexure-9)	192.23	172.87
10	MP	1127.40	2407.20	639.97	2214.29 (Annexure-10)	1127.40	1086.90
11	MAHARASHTRA	1596.20	3192.02	0.08	3192.03 (Annexure-11)	1596.02	1596.02
12	JHARKHAND	281.40	507.50	19.70	507.50 (Annexure-12)	278.75	228.75
13	MANIPUR	191.11	191.00	60.15	191.0 (Annexure-13)	190.54	0.46
14	NAGALAND	225.93	404.88	0	381.54 (Annexure-14)	214.33	167.21
15	ODISHA	576.67	1154.00	87.94	1133.14 (Annexure-15)	566.57	566.57
16	PUNJAB	186.56	374.00	209.45	343.91 (Annexure-16)	186.56	157.35
17	RAJASTHAN	1241.40	2432.20	1579.93	2329.40 (Annexure-17)	1185.95	1143.45
18	TAMILNADU	661.18	881.25	357.47	881.25 (Annexure-18)	440.63	440.63
19	TELENGANA	549.23	990.00	692.87	952.38 (Annexure-19)	530.19	422.19
20	UP	1710.30	3420.68	90.56	3269.79 (Annexure-20)	1651.40	1618.40
21	WEST BENGAL	620.45	1130.41	597.77	1075.75 (Annexure-21)	585.38	490.38
22	TRIPURA	257.21	514.42	5.71	487.75 (Annexure-22)	243.88	243.88

The Executive Committee recommended the release 90% funds as 1st installment to those states having no Unspent Balance or having unspent balance of upto 10% from the previous releases as per guidelines, provided that these States have submitted the Financial as well as Physical Progress in proper format. The States having unspent balance of more that 10% of previous releases should utilize the funds as quickly as possible and send the request for revalidation of unspent balance, wherever required. The States having unspent balance of more than 10% of the previous releases, the 1st installment to such States will be released only after they submit the Utilization Certificates for utilization of at least 90% funds together with the physical progress.

Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Mizoram and Uttarakhand have been advised to submit revised AAP as per new sharing pattern together with the utilization certificate and physical progress against the releases of 2014-15.

Other Issues:

1. In the meeting of the Parliament Standing Committee on 25th March, 2015, the issue of the Chinese power tillers was raised as under:

“The Chinese Power Tiller is being imported at Rs. 65,000 to 75,000. Admissible subsidy on this is Rs. 60,000. Yet the price being charged from farmers is ranging from Rs. 1.25 lakh to Rs. 1.5 lakh. Can DAC coordinate with the States and bring uniform norms for the price of power tiller and for other schemes of mechanization etc.?”

In this regard the EC suggested that the States should review the position in their respective States and send the following information to Department immediately.

- (a) Landed cost of Chinese power tiller and manufacturing cost of indigenous power tillers
- (b) Selling price of Chinese power tillers and Indigenous power tillers in the State.

- (c) Population & physical number of imported power tillers and indigenous power tillers distributed under subsidy schemes.
- (d) Information on quality, availability of spare parts and after sales services of imported and indigenous power tillers.
2. The State of Sikkim has not utilized the funds released during 2014-15 as the matching grants under the State Plan were not available. Executive Committee advised the State to submit the copy of budgetary provision of matching grants under state plan along with their AAP for 2015-16.
3. The State of Manipur has submitted their AAP for Demonstration and Training component only. EC advised that the farmers demand about the demonstration and training in the State of Manipur may be assessed by the M&T Division.
4. The State of Bihar has informed that they have developed MIS for implementation and monitoring of farm mechanization programme. EC advised that, the Government of Bihar should make a presentation of their MIS for the benefit of other States. Officers of the M&T should also visit and see the system implemented by Bihar.
5. Amendments in the Operational Guidelines of SMAM: EC approved the following amendments in the guidelines of SMAM.
- (i) To include guidelines regarding the electronic transfer of cash component of the scheme to each beneficiary to Individual farmers as far as possible.
- (ii) The following change regarding release of 2nd instalment:
“The release of the first instalment will be upon the approval of AAP and release of 2nd instalment on submission of Utilization Certificate for at least 50% of the funds released as first instalment, detailed Physical and Financial Report etc. as per relevant provisions of GFRs.”
- (iii) To include National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and PSUs of GOI as implementing agencies for component No. 4 & 5 of SMAM.
- (iv) To include National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Governments as implementing agencies for component No. 6 of SMAM.
- (v) To include National Innovation Foundation (NIF) as implementing agencies for component No. 1 & 2 of SMAM.
- (vi) To add ‘EC is empowered to reallocate the funds to the States/UT from the available saving (unutilized funds)’
- (vii) To include Assistant Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) as member of the District Level Executive Committee (DLEC).
- (viii) To add ‘per operation’ and ‘per post harvest technology’ in the norms for demonstration in component No. 1& 2 of SMAM
- (ix) Under component No. 3, the rate of subsidy in terms percentage of cost is not specified for some of the equipments/machines. Therefore, it has been approved to add a footnote at the end of Annexure II(c) as under:

'Wherever the percentage of financial assistance is not indicated, it should be limited to 50% of the cost in case of SC, ST, Small & Marginal farmers, Women and NE States beneficiary and 40% of the cost in case of all other beneficiaries.'

- (x) To add following equipments once tested as per the demand of State under component No. 3 under appropriate category and rate of assistance.
- (i) Seed cum fertilizer drill
 - (ii) Furrow opener
 - (iii) Bund former
 - (iv) Crust breaker
 - (v) Rotocultivator
 - (vi) Winnowing fan
 - (vii) Reaper
 - (viii) Mower
 - (ix) Power Harrow
 - (x) Aqua ferti seed drill
 - (xi) Raised Bed Planter with inclined plate planter and shaper attachment.
 - (xii) Maize sheller
 - (xiii) Flail Harvester
 - (xiv) Infielder
 - (xv) Mower Shredder (ALL PURPOSE)
 - (xvi) Mulcher
 - (xvii) Stubble shaver
 - (xviii) Feed block machine
 - (xix) Seed treating drum
 - (xx) Marker for SRI
 - (xxi) Spiral grader

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