

**Department of Environment, Science & Technology,  
Government of Himachal Pradesh**

**Minutes of Meeting on the sharing of Project details and its further implementation for Project on "Sustainable Livelihood of Agriculture Dependent Rural Communities in Drought Prone District of Himachal Pradesh through Climate Smart Solutions under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change" held under the Chairmanship of the Pr. Secretary (Env.,S&T) on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

In order to workout implementation strategy, structural arrangements to ground the project at field level and to achieve the objectives of the project; a Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Pr. Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in the Committee Room, HP Secretariat on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Following were present:

1. Sh. A.K. Lal, Director, Deptt. of Environment, Sci. & Tech, HP.
2. Ms. Archana Sharma, CCF, Forest Department, Shimla.
3. Sh. R.K Gupta, Executive Director, HPMHWP, Solan, HP.
4. Sh. B.K. Mishra, DGM, NABARD, RO Shimla, HP.
5. Sh. Harbans Singh, ADM, Distt. Sirmaur, HP.
6. Dr. Suresh C. Attri, PSO (Env.), DEST, Shimla.
7. Sh. Naresh Kumar, Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture, HP.
8. Sh. S.K. Dhiman, SE, IPH Department, Nahan, HP.
9. Sh. L.S. Thakur, SE (P&I-II), IPH Department, HP.
10. Sh. Kuldeep Chand, AGM, NABARD, RO, Shimla.
11. Sh. Ramesh Chand, JDA, Deptt. of Agriculture, Shimla, HP.
12. Sh. S.R. Sharma, SMS, Deptt. of Horticulture, Shimla, HP.
13. Sh. Ashok Singha, MD, CTRAN Consultants, Odisha, India.
14. Sh. Duni Chand Thakur, MIS Officer, DEST, HP.
15. Dr. Manum Sharma, EMEO, DEST, HP.

At the outset, Sh. A.K. Lal, Director (Env.,S&T) extended warm welcome to the Pr. Secretary (Env.,S&T) and the Participants from Stakeholder Departments, NABARD & CTRAN Consultants. He briefed the Pr. Secretary (Env.,S&T) and the Participants about the objectives of the Project, its inception level process and expected future plan of action. He further apprised that the Department of Environment, S&T was assisted by a consulting agency CTRAN as per recommendations of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI in formulation of the Project. He informed the participants that this project is in a part of process and implementation of the State Climate Change Action Plan in the State.

Mr. Ashok Singha, MD, CTRAN of the consulting agency made a presentation covering all aspects viz. component wise targets, financial allocation, sector wise activities etc. to be carried out by the stakeholder departments with indicative out comes from the implementation of said Project.

During the deliberations, the Pr. Secretary (Env.,S&T) observed that the proposed Project has much relevance in the present context. He further observed that it is a special project and needs specialized approach to compute the adaptation techniques, benefits and processes till the end. Therefore a specific type of convergence among various stakeholder departments is required. The convergence meetings among stakeholder departments is required to be held immediately to draw comprehensive plan for effective implementation of the project. The schemes like Crop insurance etc. are already being implemented by other stakeholder departments and therefore strategy must be worked out in a manner that duplication is avoided and outreach of the project is maximized.

He directed the Nodal Department i.e. DEST to carry out a proper review of such schools which may be useful as lesson learning for effective implementation of the project. He further added that initially the complete database of ongoing activities needs to be compiled for selected blocks i.e. Sangrah, Pachhad and Paonta blocks of the district Sirmour. He emphasized that convergence meeting at State level may be convened preferably by next fortnight.

After detailed discussions with the representative of stakeholder departments and participants the following decisions were arrived at:

1. A Project State Level Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Pr. Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the GoHP and including representatives of stakeholder departments viz. Secretaries/ Directors; the Deputy Commissioner, Sirmour; Chief General Manager (RO, NABARD); Director (Extension), YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry Nauni; as members and Director (DEST) as Member Secretary may be notified for the effective implementation of the project.
2. The Project Implementation Committee at District level may be constituted under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner with representatives of stakeholder departments alongwith GM (Industries), Nahan and representatives of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Distt. Sirmour.
3. It was decided that in view of the fact that a specialized support agency is required to be hired for the Project, the Director (DEST) will formulate the terms for hiring of Implementing Support Agency as per Quality Cost Based Selection Process. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI and NABARD may also be consulted for hiring of the Implementing Support Agency.
4. The Director (DEST) will initiate the process of hiring of two Experts as approved under the project viz one from Horticulture/ Agriculture & Climate Change sector preferably retired or on secondment basis from Horticulture/ Agriculture department with experience of working in such project; and another an financial expert for management of project accounts and making progress reports etc. among retired experienced professionals/ accounts officers.
5. The Director (DEST) will also explore the possibility of engaging master trainers/ motivators already engaged/registered with Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project and working in the area of Pachhad, Sangrah & Paonta Sahib Blocks of Distt. Sirmour.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Pr. Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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Copy to the following for kind information and further necessary action:

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2. The PCCF, Advisor, Deptt. of Forests, Shimla, HP.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Sirmour at Nahan, HP.
4. The CGM, NABARD, RO Shimla, HP.

5. The Director, Deptt. of Env.,S&T, Shimla, HP.
6. The Director, Deptt. of Agriculture, Shimla, HP.
7. The Director, Deptt. of Horticulture, Shimla, HP.
8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Deptt. of IPH, Shimla, HP.
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