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

**Minutes of Meeting held to work out Road Map for implementation of Project titled "Sustainable Livelihood of Agriculture-Dependent-Rural Communities in Drought Prone Districts of Himachal Pradesh through Climate Smart Solutions (SLADRC)" held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Tarun Kapoor, IAS, Principal Secretary (Env., S&T) to the GoHP on 26.12.2016 at 4.00PM.**

In order to explore the possibility of utilising the existing resources of Mid-Himalayan Watershed Development Project (MHWDP) Solan, including the available expertise and capacities developed therein, for implementation of the SLADRC project in Sirmour District, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Tarun Kapoor, Principal Secretary (Env., S&T) to the GoHP in the Committee Room of Armsdale Building HP Secretariat on 26.12.2016.

Following were present:

1. Sh. S.S. Negi Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest, Shimla-1
2. Mrs. Archana Sharma Director, (Env., S&T), Shimla-1
3. Dr. S.K. Kapta, Spl. Secy (Env., S&T), to the GoHP
4. Sh. Sameer Rastogi, RPD, Bilaspur
5. Sh. R.K Gupta, Executive Director, Mid Himalayan Project, Solan.
6. Dr. S.C. Attri, PSO, (Env., S&T)
7. Sh. Y.P. Garneria, DWDO, Nahan
8. Sh. Lokinder Kanwar, Finance Expert, DEST
9. Sh. D.C. Thakur, MISO, DEST

The Director DEST extended welcome to Sh. Tarun Kapoor, Principal Secretary (Env., S&T) to the GoHP and gave brief background of the meeting. It was stated that since the MHWDP Project is likely to culminate in March 2017, it would be appropriate to draw upon the considerable institutional capacity, community organization and watershed management skills of the MHWDP setup at Nahan, for effective and timely implementation of the SLADRC project.

The Principal Secretary (Env., S&T) enquired about the present staff position, infrastructure and competence level of the existing Motivators/ Facilitators under the O/o DWDO Nahan MHWDP. It was informed that at present there are about 80-90 trained officials on secondment/outsourced basis under the Nahan office (District Sirmour) besides the available infrastructure. Motivators are engaged at Panchayat level and works are executed through User Groups and the funds are released through the Panchayat Village Development Committees. The representatives of Mid Himalayan Project informed that all Motivators & Facilitators have adequate experience of watershed development & management.

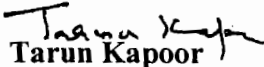
The Director Env., S&T emphasized that though there are commonalities in the two projects, yet the SLADRC project requires specialized approach in understanding the issues associated with Climate Change impacts, required adaptations techniques etc. on agriculture. The Motivators/ Facilitators of MHWDP might thus require some training on the essence and techniques of Climate Smart Agriculture prior to their engagement for the SLADRC assignment.

The Principal Secretary reiterated that the DEST needs to work at a faster pace to achieve the financial and physical targets by end of this financial year.

After the detailed discussions it was decided that:

1. A meeting under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary (Env., S&T) to the GoHP will be convened at Nahan for formalization of the implementation plan at local level, in first week of Jan, 2017.
2. The DWDO, MHWDP will, within ten days, submit a list of works executed by them in the three selected blocks, which still require supplemental actions (e.g. distribution system, micro-irrigation etc.) for putting to them effective, efficient and optimal use. Such additional support can be explored under the current SLADRC project.
3. The Director, Department of Env., S&T and Ex. Director, Mid Himalayan Project along with field officers will convene a meeting to identify possible areas where in Mid Himalayan Project staff can be associated in the implementation of the project.
4. The DEST will start convening the kick off/ introductory meetings/ workshops at panchayat level or in clusters in the three blocks, in association with Mid Himalayan Project, early next year. A team of officers from DEST will visit the various sites being covered under Mid Himalayan project in the identified blocks.
5. It was also decided that meeting with concerned officers of I&PH will be convened at Shimla and thereafter at local level to discuss and identify the I&PH irrigation schemes. If need be, a meeting with Principal Secretary (I&PH) to GoHP will also be held for finalizing the I&PH schemes to be taken up under the project.
6. DEST will prepare action plan for training components in association with Universities/ Institutes of repute, as per earlier decision. The DEST will also initiate the process to prepare climate adaptation oriented Training modules immediately with assistance from these institutions.
7. The DEST will initiate the process to prepare base map layers through AGiSAC immediately for all the three blocks selected under the SLADRC project.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

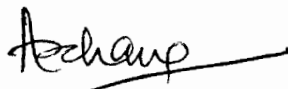
  
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2. The Special Secretary (Env., S&T) to the GoHP, , Shimla-1
3. The CGM, NABARD, Kasumpti, Shimla-17
4. The Chief Project Director, Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project, Solan, H.P
5. The Distt. Watershed Development Officer, Distt. Sirmaur at Nahan, H.P. Regional Project Director, Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project, Bilaspur, H.P.

  
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